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GDP to grow 6.5% in 2023-24: Survey

'Pandemic-induced blues are over, India on a stronger wicket now'

Need to stay vigilant on inflation and current account deficit, says CEA

'Solid domestic demand and a pickup in capital investment buoyed growth'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Painting an exuberant picture of the Indian economy's prospects thanks to "New Age" reforms undertaken since 2014, the Economic Survey tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament on Tuesday asserted that not only were the pandemic-induced blues over, but the outlook for the years ahead was also rosier than in the pre-COVID years.

Though global uncertainties are rife and the world economy is slowing, the Survey exuded confidence that India's GDP would grow 6.5% in 2023-24, after an estimated 7% this year, "supported by solid domestic demand and a pickup in capital investment".

"The Indian economy in 2022-23 has nearly 're-coupled' what was lost, 're-newed' what had paused, and 're-energised' what had slowed during the pandemic and since the conflict in Europe," the Survey averred.

Sure footing: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman interacts with V. Anantha Nageswaran on Tuesday. ANI

> Growth is picking up across different sectors — credit growth to MSMEs, large industry, services and non-food sectors are growing at more than double digit rates and even NBFCs' credit disbursal is rising. — V. ANANTHA NAGESWARAN, CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER

Uncertain times

The final growth outcome for 2023-24 could be in the range of 6% to 6.8%, depending on the trajectory of global economic and political developments. "Some of you may think the range is asymmetric in nature, but that is deliberate because there is still uncertainty. We have many known unknowns and unknown unknowns," remarked Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran.

While the Survey expects inflation – a bugbear for the economy throughout this year – to be "well-behaved" in 2023-24, the CEA acknowledged there were upside risks to commodity prices from external factors such as China rapidly restarting economic activity.

The central bank's estimate of 6.8% retail inflation for 2022-23 is outside its target range, but "at the same time, it is not high enough to deter private consumption and also not so low as to weaken the inducement to invest," the Survey said. "We expect [that] if the global economy slows down as the IMF and many people project, then commodity prices should retreat on the back of the monetary tightening... As of now, the United States economy looks set to avoid a full-fledged formal recession. And therefore, this January, already we have seen crude oil prices and industrial metal prices are higher than they were at the end of December," the CEA noted.

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₹1.56 lakh cr. GST mop-up in Jan. second highest so far

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues in January touched nearly ₹1.56 lakh crore by Tuesday evening, marking the second highest monthly collections recorded since the launch of the indirect tax regime in July 2017.

January's GST kitty, which is likely to be revised upwards, is 10.6% higher than a year ago and 4.3% over December's collections, marking the 11th month in a row that revenues were over ₹1.4 lakh crore. The highest revenues so far under the GST system were recorded in April 2022, when tax inflows were ₹1,67,540 crore.

The Finance Ministry attributed the numbers to better compliance in the filing of returns.

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Water supply to Indira Canteens disconnected

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Indira Canteens in Bengaluru, which are already starved of funds, are now hit by a water crisis. Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) cut supply to the canteens for non-payment of bills. » PAGE 2

AAP to field candidates in all 224 constituencies

BENGALURU
The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced that it is going to field candidates in all the 224 Assembly constituencies in the forthcoming Karnataka Assembly elections. » PAGE 6

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A.P. capital will be shifted to Vizag in a few months: Jagan

G.V.R. Subba Rao
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday said the State capital would be shifted to Visakhapatnam.

He made the remark in New Delhi at a curtain-raiser to the Global Investors Summit, scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam in March. "I am here to invite you to Visakhapatnam, which will be our capital. I will also shift to Vizag in the months to come. I invite you and your colleagues to see for yourself how easy it is to do business in Andhra Pradesh."

His statement assumes significance in the wake of multiple petitions on the capital issue pending in the Supreme Court. The State had moved the top court after the High Court rejected the three-capital plan of the Jagan regime. The HC had also directed that Amaravati be developed as the State capital, as proposed by the former Chandrababu Naidu government.

Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy

The Supreme Court was to hear the capital cases on Tuesday. The cases, however, have not reached the Division Bench before which they were listed.

26-year-old arrested for sexually assaulting and killing toddler

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kamakshipalya police have arrested a 26-year-old garment factory employee for allegedly sexually abusing and murdering a three-and-a-half-year-old girl in Kaveripura on Monday night.

The accused, according to the police, was known to the victim's mother and had been to the house on Monday evening. Police sources said that investigations revealed that when the girl's mother had gone out, leaving the accused with the toddler, he sexually abused her and later beat her to death.

When the mother returned home and found her daughter unconscious, the accused tried to convince her that the girl was dirtying the place and in order to control her, he had beaten her, and she lost consciousness. He took the girl to the hospital with the victim's mother, where the doctors declared her dead.

The doctors also revealed that the toddler was sexually assaulted before being killed.

Booked under POCSO

The accused, who was at the hospital till then, fled from the scene. The victim's mother registered a complaint with the Kamakshipalya police, who tracked him down on Tuesday night.

He has been booked for murder and sexual assault under the POCSO Act, 2012.

Adani's FPO fully subscribed as HNIs offset retail wariness

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The ₹20,000-crore follow-on public offer from Adani Enterprises Ltd. (AEL) was fully subscribed on the last day of the record share sale on Tuesday, after high net worth individuals (HNIs) and institutional investors bid strongly and more than made up for a poor to tepid response from retail investors and employees.

The successful conclusion of the Adani Group flagship company's FPO will come as a major relief to its promoters led by India's richest individual Gautam Adani in the wake of a U.S.-based short-seller's allegations of accounting irregularities and stock manipulation at the group, which led to a rout in the conglomerate's shares.

Mutual funds completely avoided the share sale. AFP

The FPO finally received bids for 1.12 times the 4.55 crore shares on offer, according to the BSE data.

While qualified institutional bidders (QIBs) led by FIIs sought 1.26 times the shares offered to them as a category, non-institutional investors (NIIs) bid for 3.32 times the stock reserved for them as a class. NIIs who placed bids exceeding ₹10 lakh including HNIs, sought to buy 4.97 times the shares offered to them.

Retail individual investors bid for just a little more than one-tenth (0.12) the number of shares offered to them and employees bid for 55% of the shares reserved for them.

AEL shares rose 3.35% on the BSE on Tuesday to close at ₹2,975 apiece.

14 killed in fire at multi-storey building in Jharkhand

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

At least 14 people were killed and 18 injured in a fire that broke out at a multi-storey building in Dhanbad town of Jharkhand on Tuesday evening.

The fire broke out at the Aashirwad Tower building in the Joraphatak area near the Shakti temple.

"The cause of fire is yet to be known," Senior Superintendent of Police, Dhanbad, Sanjiv Kumar said.

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Sugar production to fall in the 2022-23 marketing year

5 The percentage by which India's sugar production is estimated to fall during the 2022-23 marketing year ending September to 340 lakh tonnes as more quantity of sugarcane juice is being diverted for production of ethanol, according to industry body ISMA. The blending of ethanol with petrol stood at 10% the previous year and is expected to increase to 12% in 2022-23. PTI

Norway's wealth fund records massive losses; cites volatile markets

164 In $ billion, the loss recorded by Norway's sovereign wealth fund, the largest since its creation, citing volatile markets. The return on investment was -14.1%. Set up in the late 1990s, the Norwegian Government Pension Fund, known as the oil fund, is one of the world's largest investors with shares in more than 9,000 companies in 70 countries. AFP

IMF approves billion-dollar support loan for Bangladesh

4.7 In $ billion, the support loan package for Bangladesh signed off by the International Monetary Fund to help it cope with soaring energy and food costs that have sparked huge protests. Nationwide blackouts of up to 13 hours a day hit the electricity grid last year and the government extended food relief for households. AFP

Government to privatise a host of other CPSEs

4.07 In ₹ lakh crore, the amount realised as disinvestment proceeds in the past nine years, according to the Economic Survey. In the current fiscal, out of the budgeted amount of ₹65,000 crore, 48% or over ₹31,000 crore has been collected as of January 18. The government is working on privatising other central public sector enterprises. PTI

Demat accounts rise, but incremental additions on a decline

10.6 In crore, the number of demat accounts in November 2022, a sharp rise of 39% on yearly basis, according to the Economic Survey 2022-23. However, the addition of demat accounts have been on a decline during FY23 relative to FY22, because of the increased volatility in the secondary market. PTI

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The funding and demand for MGNREGA

How has budget allocation for the rural employment scheme changed over the years? How many people are demanding work under the scheme? Is the guarantee of 100 days of employment being met? What are the other challenges facing the scheme's implementation?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

The Economic Survey 2022-23 presented on January 31, a day ahead of the Budget, showed that 6.49 crore households demanded work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Of these, 6.48 crore households were offered employment by the government and 5.7 crore actually availed it. The survey credited the scheme on having a positive impact on income per household, agricultural productivity, and production-related expenditure. It added that this helped with "income diversification and infusing resilience into rural livelihoods".

How important is MGNREGA to rural employment?

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was passed in 2005 and aimed at enhancing the livelihood security of households in rural areas. Under it, the MGNREGS is a demand-driven scheme that guarantees 100 days of unskilled work per year for every rural household that wants it, covering all districts in the country except those with a 100% urban population. There are currently 15.51 crore active workers enrolled under the scheme. The types of projects undertaken for employment generation under MGNREGA include those related to water conservation, land development, construction, agriculture and allied works.

Under the scheme, if work is not provided within 15 days from when it is demanded, the worker has to be given a daily unemployment allowance. Additionally, the wages of unskilled workers also have to be paid within 15 days and in case of a delay, the Centre has to compensate them. Beyond being a form of insurance or safety net for the country's poorest rural households, the scheme proved to be beneficial not just for rural workers but migrant labourers as well especially during the COVID-19 pandemic which saw large-scale reverse migration.

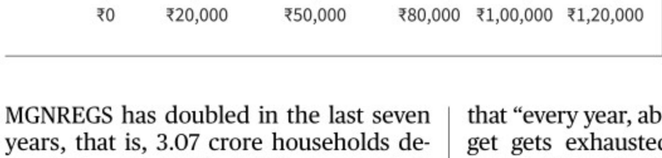
During the first COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, when the scheme was ramped up, and given its highest-ever budget of ₹1.11 lakh crore, it provided a critical lifeline for a record 11 crore workers. Studies gave empirical evidence that wages earned under MGNREGA helped compensate somewhere between 20% to 80% of the income loss incurred because of the lockdown. This is reflected in the fact that the demand for work under MGNREGA spiked to record-high levels during the pandemic years. About 8.55 crore households demanded MGNREGA work in 2020-21, followed by 8.05 crore in 2021-22, compared to a total of 6.16 core households asking for work in the pre-pandemic year 2019-20.

While Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session in December 2022 that the demand for jobs under MGNREGA has been declining in the recent past, the new economic survey data revealed that as of January 24 this year, 6.49 crore households had already demanded work under the scheme with two more months till the financial year ends. Notably, this demand-side figure is still larger than pre-pandemic levels, which indicates that despite the lifting of pandemic curbs and changes in migration trends, rural households are still demanding work under the scheme. Besides, the pandemic-induced demand surge notwithstanding, the Ministry of Rural Development informed Parliament in August last year work that demand under MGNREGS has doubled in the last seven years, that is, 3.07 crore households demanded work in May 2022 compared to 1.64 in the same month in 2015.

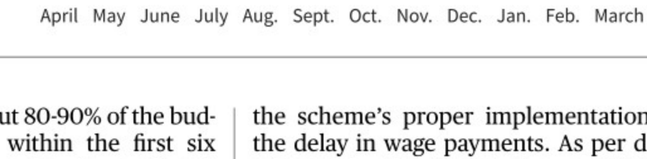
A truly demand driven scheme

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is a demand-driven scheme that guarantees 100 days of unskilled work per year for every rural household that wants to avail it, covering all districts in the country except those with a 100% urban population

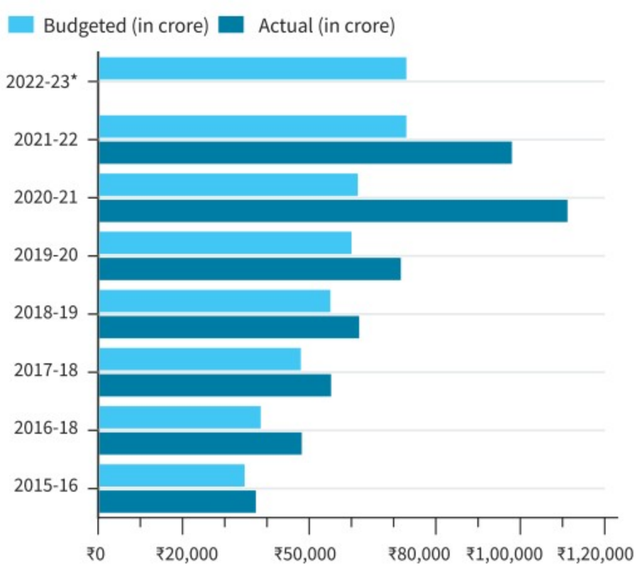
The average days of employment per household under the scheme



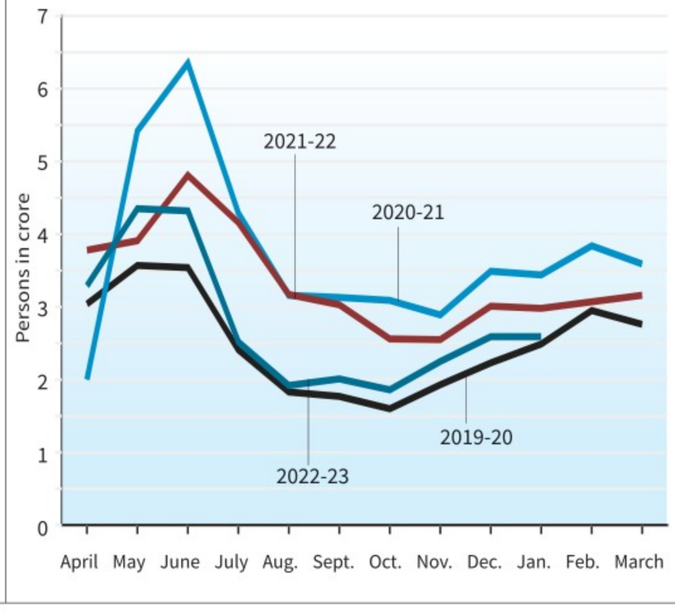
The number of households in crore which availed (not just demanded) work under the scheme. The number increased significantly during the pandemic years



The budget allocation for the scheme. The allocated amount has exceeded budgeted amounts across the years pointing to greater demand



The number of persons demanding work under the scheme over the years



How has the Centre's allocation for MGNREGS changed over the years?

Budgetary allocations to the flagship scheme has increased successively since 2013 from ₹32,992 crore in the 2013-14 Union Budget to ₹73,000 crore in 2021-22. However, in recent years, the actual expenditure on the scheme has successively been higher than the amount allocated to it at the budget stage. For instance, in 2021-22, while ₹73,000 crore was allocated to MGNREGS, supplementary allocations made later pushed up the revised estimates to ₹98,000 crore, as funds had run out in the middle of the year. Even so, the Central government once again allocated ₹73,000 crore (25% lower than the previous year's revised estimate) for the scheme in budget 2022-23, then seeking an additional ₹45,000 crore as supplementary grants in the Winter Session in December.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development last year questioned the rationale behind the Centre's budgetary allocations to MGNREGA. Pointing out that despite the total expenditure on the scheme in 2020-21 being around ₹1,11,170.86 crore, the panel found it "perplexing" that the budget estimate (BE) for 2021-22 was just ₹73,000 crore. It also flagged the substantial hike in allocation at the revised estimates stage in order to augment the initial sum each year. Advocacy group NREGA Sangharsh Morcha noted that "every year, about 80-90% of the budget gets exhausted within the first six months", leading to a slowdown of work on the ground and a delay in wage payments to workers.

What are the challenges to its implementation?

While the scheme guarantees 100 days of employment per household per year, an analysis by PRS Legislative Research shows that since 2016-17, on average, less than 10% of the households completed 100 days of wage employment. Besides, the average days of employment provided per household under the MGNREGS fell to a five-year low this financial year. As of January 20 this year, the average days of employment provided per household is just 42 days, while it was 50 days in 2021-22, 52 days in 2020-21, 48 days in 2019-20 and 51 days in 2018-19.While a full 100 days of employment has not been provided per year, the Parliament Committee and activist groups have strongly recommended an increase in the number of guaranteed days of work per household from 100 to 150 so that rural populations have a safety net for a longer period in the year.

Notably, Peoples' Action for Employment Guarantee (PAEG) and the NREGA Sangarsh Morcha said in a joint statement on Tuesday, that if the government intends to provide legally guaranteed 100 days of work per household for at least those that worked in the scheme in the current financial year, that minimum budget for it in the upcoming financial year 2023-24 should be at least ₹2.72 lakh crore.

Another issue that continues to hamper the scheme's proper implementation is the delay in wage payments. As per data released by the Centre, it owed ₹4,700 crore in MGNREGA wages to 18 States as of December 14, 2022, when just three months remained for the financial year to end. Notably, In 2016, the Supreme Court of India directed the government to ensure that wages were paid on time, calling the act of making workers wait for wages for months equal to "forced labour". Additionaly, as of December 14, the government also owed ₹5,450 crore worth of material costs (for MGNREGA projects) to 19 States. Furthermore, the delay in material costs, has a domino impact on the MNREGA work, since a delay in payment breaks the supply chain. Because of the prolonged delays in payments, vendors are reluctant to supply materials for any new work. Another concern pointed out by a panel of the Rural Development Ministry is that the minimum wage rate under MGNREGS is fixed by the Centre on the basis of the Consumer Price Index-Agricultural Labourers. It noted that the type of work done by agricultural labourers and MGNREGS workers was different, suggesting that minimum wage be decided vis-a-vis the Consumer Price Index-Rural, which it said was more recent and provided for higher expenditure on education and medical care.

Fake job cards, widespread corruption, late uploading of muster rolls, and inconsistent payment of unemployment allowance are some of the other issues hampering the implementation of MGNREGA, the Parliamentary Committee pointed out last year.

THE GIST

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HC: Conduct survey of two buildings in Cubbon Park

Assistant Director of Land Records told to ascertain whether new HOPCOMS building and another structure of State Government Employees' Association are within or outside notified area

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to conduct a survey, through the Assistant Director of Land Records, to ascertain whether the new structure of HOPCOMS building constructed by Krishik Samaj is within or outside the notified area of Cubbon Park.

Also, the court told to conduct a similar survey to find out whether the existing building of the Karnataka State Government Employees' Association it is within Cubbon Park area or not. A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the interim order on an application filed by Krishik Samaj pointing out that HOPCOMS building does not come within the purview of Cubbon Park as it is demarcated under the notification dated November 5, 2015.

The Krishik Samaj has also stated that cold storage building was in existence in that place from 1965 and the building now constructed does not cover the open area of Cubbon Park.

The court in January 2021 had said that new building being constructed by Krishik Samaj would be subject to final order to be passed in the petition, and the new building, after completion of construction, should not be put to use without seeking permission from the court.

The Bench was hearing a PIL petition filed in 2021 by Cubbon Park Walkers' Association. Stating that Cubbon Park is notified under the Karnataka Parks, Play Fields and Open Spaces (Preservation and Regulation) Act, 1985, the petitioner has stated that several structures were constructed illegally even though the High Court in 2001 had specifically directed the government not to permit any new construction in the notified area without prior clearance from the court.

The Bench directed that the survey be conducted on February 4 and the survey report be submitted to the court by February 8 while adjourning further hearing till February 31.

28-year-old BMTC driver found dead in lodge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 28-year-old BMTC driver was found dead in a lodge in Kengeri on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Putte Gowda, a native of Channapatna. He went out on Monday to work and checked into the lodge. On Tuesday, the staff found no response from inside and broke open the door to find him dead. The police have recovered his mobile phone to analyse call record details and messages to ascertain the reason behind his extreme step. They are also checking CCTV footage at the lodge to find out if anyone visited him.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help).

Water supply to Indira Canteens disconnected for non-payment of bill

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath confirmed that water bills have not been paid.

"I have received complaints regarding shortage of drinking water in Indira Canteens. As per the agreement, the contractors are responsible for providing water in Indira Canteens, and they have to pay the water bill. This is the agreement between the contractor and BWSSB," he said.

Following disruption in water supply, the contractors are depending on water tankers and cans of purified water.

"For the last nine months, the BWSSB water supply has been disconnected, We are dependent on water tankers and water cans," said Suvarna, manager of an Indira Canteen in Gandhinagar.

The contractors are depending on water tankers and cans of purified water

Contractors blame the previous contractors of not paying the dues on time, and also alleged that the BBMP is yet to pay their dues.

A representative of Cheftalk Food, one of the three contractors of Indira Canteens, said, "The previous contractors had not been been paying bills on time, which resulted in disconnection of water supply by the BWSSB. At the same time, the BBMP is yet to clear our bills, which are due for several months."

After 101 canteens were initially opened in 2017, their popularity led to the expansion of the scheme to all the 198 wards in Bengaluru.

At present, Indira Canteens provide breakfast for ₹5, and lunch and dinner for ₹10. Most canteens in Bengaluru are suffering due to what the opposition alleges is lack of interest by the present BJP government to fund operations of the canteens.

In 2017-18 and 2018-2019, the then government allocated ₹100 crore and ₹145 crore, respectively, but after the BJP took charge of the government in Karnataka, no funds were allocated for the scheme. Hence, the civic body allotted funds to the canteens from its own budget.

The BBMP had earmarked ₹60 crore in the 2022-23 budget for running Indira Canteens. But, contractors claim that they have not been paid for months.

Mobile canteens shut

Around 15 mobile Indira Canteens were operational in Bengaluru, according to BBMP officials.

In December 2022, the BBMP shut down all mobile Indira Canteens in Bengaluru.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath explained, "We did not have any intention of shutting down mobile canteens. However, we are not seeing many people using them. Apart from mobile Indira Canteens, all other canteens are operational."

A senior Palike official said that the main reason for shutting down mobile canteens was that contractors were not satisfied with the payment for keeping them operational.

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SINGAPORE - MALAYSIA - THAILAND 4 / 5 / 7 / 11 DAYS

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Kuala Lumpur City Tour, Twin Tower, Putrajaya, City Tour, Batu Caves, Genting Highland, Theme Park

Pattaya, Coral Island, Gems Gallery, Alcazar Show, Nong Nooch Village, Cultural Show, Elephant Show, Bangkok Temple & City Tour, Safari World, Marine Park, Dolphin & Sea Lion Show, Orangutan Show, Bird Show

Dep. Date : 2023: APR 3, 10, 17, 24. MAY 1, 15, 22. JUN 5, 19, JULY 10, 24, AUG 7, 21

SRILANKA RAMAYANA TRAILS- 6 DAYS

Ramayana Temples, Negombo, Manavari Temple, Muneshwara Temple, Trincomalee, Kandy Tooth Relic, Sigiriya Rock Photoshop, Nuwara Eliya, Ramboda Hanuman, Ashoka Vatika, Colombo City Tour Sita Agni Pravesam, Bentota River Cruise,
Dep Date 2023: APR 12, 16, 26, MAY 17, 31 JUN 14, 28, JULY 12, 26, AUG 16, 30

MALDIVES - 5 DAYS | MAURITIUS - 7 DAYS

Island Visits, Dolphins Watching, Snorkeling, Speed Boat Transfers In Indian Ocean 4 / 5 Star Resort Visit
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CAMBODIA Phnom Penh, Seim Rep, Thousan River, Tonle Sap, Angkor Wat World Largest Hindu Temple

VIETNAM Hanoi, Ninh Binh,Tam coc, Halong Bay, Ho Chi Minh City, Cu Chi Tunnels, Mekong Delta

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JAPAN-8 DAYS

TOKYO, Mt FIJI, HIROSHIMA, BULLET TRAIN, OSAKA, KYOTO, NARA

Dep Date 2023: APR 22. MAY 6, 27, JUN 10, 24, JULY 8, 22, AUG 5, 19

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Desert Safari, Belly Dance, Tanuara Show, Dhow Cruise, Dubai City Tour, Burj Khalifa, Abudabhi City Tour
Dep Date 2023: APR 13, 27, AUG 3, 17, 31

NEPAL - MUKTHINATH - 9 DAYS

Kathmandu, Bhakthapur, Doleshwar Mahadev, Pokhara, Phewa Lake, Mukthinath Darshan, Manakamana Cable Car
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CHANGE OF NAME

I NISHANT Karki Chhetri S/o Jeet Bahadur Chhetri residing at A–3/16, DRDO Phase–1, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore hereby state that Nishant Karki Chhetri of DOB 26 Nov 2003 and Nishant Chhetri of DOB 27 Nov 2003 is the same person i.e. myself. I do hereby declare that Nishant Karki Chhetri with DOB 26 Nov 2003 as mentioned in my matriculate certificate will persist in all official record.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RASHMI RAGHUPATHY**, D/o. Raghupathy Suryanarayana Rao, W/o. Narasimha Jayanth Bharadhwaj, permanently Residing at F1, Akshaya Apartment, 2nd Main, Coconut Garden, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru - 560 072, Karnataka, India, Presently resident at Pärnu Mnt 133-25, Tallinn 11314 ESTONIA, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RASHMI** (Name) **RAGHUPATHY** (Surname) to **RASHMI RAGHUPATHY** vide affidavit dated 30.1.2023 sworn to before Chandrakala, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

I, AMEENBEE. G residing at No. 9-1, 12th C cross, Vyalikaval, Bangalore North Malleshwaram, Karnataka-560003, have changed my name to B. Ameena vide Affidavit dated 24.01.2023 before Notary S.R.Paramashivaiah, Bangalore- 560002

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S.NO.25498/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And

Sri. Santosh Keesara ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Santosh Keesara,
S/o Sri. Devaraj Keesara, Plot No.185, 1st Floor, Green Glen Layout, Bangalore-560 103

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.6,41,445/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Five Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **20.02.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **19.01.2023.**

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 72th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE. (CCH-73)
O.S. No. 25537 of 2021

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G. S/o. Gurumallappa B.

Defendant :
Mr. Ravi Kumar,
Aged about 35 years, S/o. Mr. Gopalappa Residing at No. 30, 11th Cross, Sadhashiva Temple Road, Ramaswamy Palya, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore-033.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 6,13,184/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Four Only) together with future interest at 15.5 %, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 10th day of March, 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on 16/01/2023.

By Order of the Hon. Court
Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ALTAF HASAN, Advocate
60, G-3, M.M. Complex,
Chikka Bazaar Road,
Tasker Town, Shivajinagar,
Bangalore-560051.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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KEYWORD

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Alienation: the separation of labour from the product, process, humanity, society

Some would say that the concept of alienation, as envisaged by Karl Marx, has fallen out of fashion in social and political philosophy. Yet others continue to use it to understand, debate and critique society from a contemporary viewpoint

Radhika Santhanam

The idea of 'alienation' by Karl Marx is one of the most widely discussed concepts in social, political and economic theory. It is an idea that a young Marx developed out of his study of Friedrich Hegel. Marx first explained the concept of alienation in *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts* and later elaborated on it in his seminal work, *Capital*.

According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, alienation refers to a person's "withdrawal or separation from an object or position of former attachment" or, in the case of property, "a conveyance of property to another." In Marxist understanding, alienation refers to a feeling of separation from one's own labour and the loss of power over it.

Forms of alienation

Marx discussed four forms of alienation. Let us use the example of workers at an iPhone factory to explain each of these forms.

Workers in such factories work long hours to produce high-end, expensive phones, which they can by no means afford, and over which they have no ownership or control. The phones are created for the capitalist, and are merely produced for exchange value. Thus, the first form of alienation is what Marx calls the alienation from the product of labour. As the product is immediately possessed and controlled by someone else, it assumes a power of its own. In modern times, where manufacturing is highly specialised and segmented, workers are often not even aware of what they are producing, since the production process is highly segmented.

The second is what he calls alienation from the process of labour. Workers in iPhone factories reportedly work long hours, in poor conditions and for low wages. They perform repetitive tasks. The more the workers produce, the more productive power there is for someone else to own and control. Where does all the work go? While the work sustains the worker, a lot of it goes into reproducing the means of production, on behalf of the owners and their power.

In the process, Marx argued, workers become miserable. He wrote: "The worker becomes an ever-cheaper commodity the more goods he creates. He does not develop freely his mental and physical energies but is physically exhausted and mentally debased. The worker, therefore, feels himself at home only during his leisure time, whereas at work he feels homeless. His work is not voluntary but imposed, forced labour." Thus, the third form is alienation from humanity.

Individuals perform these mundane tasks and act less and less like human beings, and more and more like machines. As illustrated in an article in *The Guardian*, a worker at an iPhone factory said that 1,700 iPhones passed through her hands every day; she was in charge of wiping a special polish on the display. In such a scenario, according to Marx, man loses what he calls "species-being," or what makes man human and different from other species through his productive activity. Workers also slowly start becoming competitive as they do not want to lose their jobs. The job is so arduous that they live away from their families as they are not able to find other, better-paying jobs.

While iPhones are produced at different factories in China nowadays, for a long time, they were largely assembled at Foxconn's 1.4 square-mile flagship plant just outside Shenzhen. The sprawling premises, according to *The Guardian* article, alone housed some 4,50,000 workers. In 2010, reports emerged that many of the workers died by suicide and had attempted suicide due to the brutal working conditions. A *CBS* news report said of one of the workers Yu: "Her roommates also were from different parts of China, so there were significant linguistic barriers. Those might have been overcome with time – except there was no time. The factory was, she said, 'a massive place of strangers." This illustrates Marx's fourth form of alienation: alienation from society.

In this manner, the process of alienation of workers – from the product, the process, from themselves and their abilities, and from others – is complete.

Other perspectives on alienation

Other writers have interpreted alienation in a more social-psychological sense to mean powerlessness, meaninglessness, normlessness, self-estrangement and social isolation (Krahn and Lowe). There may be various causes for these forms of alienation such as bureaucracy and organisational structures, lack of ownership, social disorganisation or poor management, or technology. Most of these approaches refer to alienation as a loss of control, the lack of meaning, and the difficulty of self-expression in work.

Some authors consider assembly-line workers to have the greatest sense of alienation, with workers such as physicians, teachers, or other professionals feeling least alienated. "Alienation is likely to be lowest in organisational setting where members have control, meaning, and opportunities for self-fulfilment in their roles." (Hagedorn). This latter use of alienation is somewhat different than that of Marx, in that the solution to this form of alienation is to make work more meaningful. This is a more reformist view, whereas Marx considered it necessary to abolish private property and change social and economic structures.

Alienation is also used sometimes in a political sense with alienation of the electorate being the reason for disaffection with political parties or policies.

Criticisms

There have been many criticisms of Marx's idea of alienation. First, later thinkers have said that Marx's explanation was not worked out in terms of its implications and how it might be eliminated. The solution of communism has not occurred, and does not seem a likely prospect in the near future.

Second, while Marx's approach to the study of alienation helps us understand the labour market as well as its living and working conditions, all of these have changed considerably since his time. Today, there are labour laws in place everywhere. While one could argue that the Foxconn example is from today's times, it can equally be argued that it was because of the backlash that the company was forced to respond saying it would replace some of the jobs with robots. Also, the poor conditions are felt by some workers, not all. As there is greater division of labour, the effects of labour are faced differently by different segments and is dependent on the countries they live in.

Third, another common criticism of Marxism is that it focuses solely on class, ignoring other forms of segregation. Marx saw the roots of alienation only in exchange of labour and private property. But similar feelings of alienation may be related to ethnicity or race (say, if Black people are not hired), region (people from Western Canada often say that they have been excluded from mainstream politics), caste (upper castes are reportedly preferred in some roles in private companies) and gender (women have often reported that they have not received promotions and wages the way men do) that are not directly tied to production. Social relations, and not just working conditions, too can lead to alienation.

Fourth, since the term alienation is so popular, it is loaded with meaning and is often used in subjective experiences of estrangement. This, Ricoeur (1968) argued, dilutes its scientific and analytical potential. Fifth, it is criticised (by Althusser, for example, in 2005) for its essentialism. Can man be his true, authentic self without, or independent of, his relationships with others, as Marx argued? Later theorists say this is unlikely. Althusser also argued that Marx's earlier texts were different epistemologically from his later texts. He and later theorists also said Marx's idea of alienation is underdeveloped and tentative. Sixth, it suffers from the danger of paternalism. It assumes that there is a human good that may overrule people's own experiences and desires (Jaeggi, 2014). The topic of alienation, it is often said, has fallen out of fashion in social and political philosophy. But yet others continue to understand, debate and critique it from a contemporary viewpoint.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Mr. B. Abdul Salam of Payangadi, Kerala, wants to know the difference between 'demolish' and 'destroy'."

"When you demolish something, you tear it down. You demolish something solid.

The house was demolished last week.

Demolition is a deliberate human act. Destruction can be either human or non-human.

He set fire to the house and destroyed it.

The recent floods in A.P. destroyed a number of villages.

Both 'destroy' and 'demolish' can be used figuratively. 'She demolished his arguments' means 'She defeated him in his arguments'. It is also used informally to mean 'to eat up, gobble up, devour'.

He was very hungry. He demolished a plate of idlis.

When you demolish something, you reduce it to ruins.

His theory was demolished by the expert.

His hopes were destroyed.

Don't destroy the letters.

Demolition is opposed to construction; destruction to creation."

"Several readers want to know whether it is correct to use the word 'ton' for a century in cricket."

"It is correct. 'Ton' has several meanings. When it is used in the plural it means 'a great quantity'.

He has tons of money.

It also means 'a great weight'.

The suitcase weighs a ton.

Other meanings are: £100, 100 mph, a century in cricket.

Timely ton by Kapil.

'Ton-up boys' are motorcyclists who drive at great speed.

He was caught by the police when he was doing a ton on his motorcycle."

"Mr. K. Rama Rao Bhonsle of Bangalore wants to know the pronunciation of 'protege'."

"The 'o' in the word is pronounced like the 'o' in 'got'. Some pronounce it like the 'o' in 'boat', 'bone' and 'tone'. This is also acceptable. The first 'e' is pronounced like the 'e' in 'set' and 'bet'. The final 'e' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'fate' and 'late'. The 'g in the word is pronounced like the 's' in 'measure' and 'pleasure'. 'Protege' means 'a person to whom another gives protection and help'. He is patronised by another.

You don't have to worry about Krishna. He is the protege of a Central Minister."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The Union Budget is presented on February 1, so that it could be materialised before the beginning of the new financial year. Here is a quiz on the budget

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

Morarji Desai has presented the highest number of budgets. How many? After Desai's resignation, the then Prime Minister of India took over the Ministry of Finance. This person broke the glass ceiling by achieving a feat. Name the Prime Minister and the achievement.

QUESTION 2

He was an Indian civil servant who played a major role in issues related to internal and national security in the first years after independence. He served as the Finance Minister from 1977 to 1979. He presented the shortest budget speech for the interim budget of 1977. Identify the Minister.

QUESTION 3

Until 1999, the Budget was presented at a different time. When was it? Which Finance Minister first changed this tradition by presenting it at 11 am?

QUESTION 4

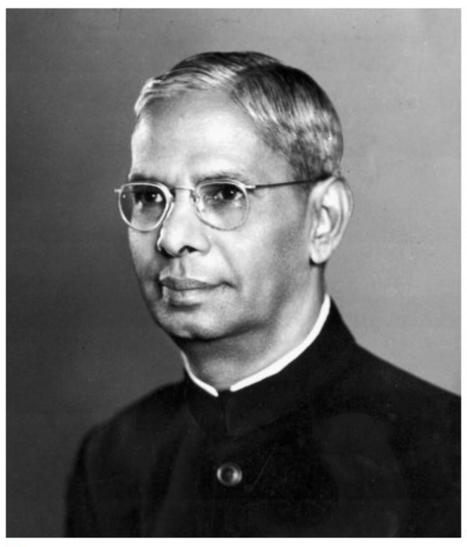
This budget was presented every year a few days before the Union Budget, till 2016. The Modi government on September 21, 2016, approved the merger of this budget and general budgets for next year, ending a 92-year-old practice. Which budget was this? Who presented this budget for the last time?

QUESTION 5

The printing of budget documents start roughly one week ahead of presenting in Parliament with another customary ceremony. What is the ceremony called?

QUESTION 6

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman broke the tradition of Bahi-Khata (a ledger wrapped in red cloth). The Minister replaced this tradition with what move in 2021?



Visual question:
Identify this person. What is he remembered for?

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This black comedy thriller directed by this individual went on to win both the Palme d'Or and the Academy award for Best Picture. **Ans: *Parasite*; Bong Joon Ho**

2. What is the Gunpowder plot? **Ans: It was a plot to blow up Parliament and the king over his refusal to grant more religious toleration to Catholics.**

3. This internationally renowned soft-drink brand began operating in India in 1956. **Ans: Coca-Cola**

4. In 1999, India and Pakistan played a Test match in this venue which ultimately resulted in heart break for the former. The match is remembered for Sachin Tendulkar's magnificent 136. **Ans: MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai**

5. This actress made her debut in a Mani Ratnam film and has acted in two Telugu movies — *Premante Idera* and *Raja Kumarudu*. **Ans: Preity Zinta**

Visual: This iconic garden was recently rechristened. **Ans: Mughal Gardens renamed to Amrit Udyan**

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Word of the day

Attrition:
erosion by friction; the wearing down of rock particles by friction due to water, wind or ice; sorrow for sin arising from fear of damnation; a wearing down to weaken or destroy; the act of rubbing together; wearing something down by friction

Synonyms:
detrition, abrasion, corrasion, contrition

Usage:
The recent pushback makes it seem that this will not just be a war of attrition.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/attritionpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /əˈtrɪʃn/

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MLAs in city distribute expensive 'gifts' to woo voters ahead of elections

Politicians not only distributed *ellu bella* and costly silk saris but also arranged trips to pilgrimage centres; among other popular gifts are pressure cookers and home appliances

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

As the election season kicks in, but not the Model Code of Conduct yet, politicians cutting across party lines are trying to ply voters with expensive gifts that include cookers, saris, home appliances and silver idols. Pressure cookers seem to be the most popular this season. Photographs of gifts being distributed and of politicians on the package have been circulated widely on social media.

The "gifts" season began in earnest with Sankranthi, the first festival of the year. Politicians not only distributed *ellu bella* and costly silk saris but also arranged trips to pilgrimage centres.

Many MLAs are organising local community and area festivals, and talent shows, holding several competitions and distributing expensive home appliances in the garb of prizes.

"They are bribing voters with expensive gifts," said Mohan Dasari, State working president of Aam Aadmi Party. "Hebbal Congress MLA Byrathi Suresh distributed LED TVs, Chickpet MLA Uday Garudachar and C.V. Raman Nagar MLA S. Raghu, both from BJP, gave away cookers, and Congress MLA Ramalinga Reddy from BTM Layout distributed cookers and several home appliances. These are just some of the examples," he said.

ILLUSTRATION: SATHEESH VELLINEZHI

All four MLAs did not deny the distribution of gifts though they denied the scale as alleged by AAP when contacted by *The Hindu*.

Complaint lodged

AAP - Bengaluru has lodged a complaint with the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, over the issue. However, with the Model Code of Conduct yet to kick in, the Election Commission of India has little role, sources said.

Two Ministers from the city have also been distributing expensive gifts, alleged AAP.

"C.N. Ashwath Narayan runs a mobile application DCM Cares for interacting with voters of Malleswaram constituency. It is being used to verify genuine voters before expensive saris are distributed. S.T. Somashekhar has been giving away silver idols of Lord Ganesha," alleged Mr. Dasari.

While Mr. Narayan was not available for comment, sources close to him confirmed the existence of the app but denied the distribution of silk saris through the app. Mr. Somashekhar was also not available for comment. MLAs cutting across party lines underplay its extent, but defend the distribution as "nothing wrong" and argue it has been a common practice for years.

Mr. Suresh, who has distributed LED TV sets to several homes in Hebbal constituency, told journalists that he was only helping poor children take online classes.

Mr. Garduachar and Mr. Raghu argued that they distributed cookers as festival gifts to the poor. "I distributed some cookers to poor women during Sankranthi, following which some Muslim women also approached me. I distributed it to them also. Since Model Code of Conduct is not in force, it is not illegal," Mr. Garudachar said.

"It has been a tradition in my constituency to gift something useful to 250 poor families during festivals and this year I gifted cookers," said Mr. Raghu.

Mr. Reddy said he distributed prizes to those who won competitions in BTM Habba, which he had organised recently.

Meanwhile, he alleged the BJP candidate in his constituency was distributing gifts.

Citizens gather to oppose flyover plan

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Residents of Vyalikaval, Malleswaram and Sadashivanagar gathered for a meeting on Tuesday organised by Citizens for Sankey to discuss the BBMP's plan to widen Sankey Road and build flyover from T. Chowdaiah Road to 18th Cross.

Experts said that the flyover project was poorly conceived. Ashish Verma, from IISc, said: "Flyovers do not solve traffic congestion, rather they only shift the point of congestion. Sankey flyover would only increase traffic congestion at Cauvery Theatre Junction, Malleswaram 18th Cross Junction, and Mariamma Junction."

Residents asked BBMP for alternative solutions for traffic management at Bashyam Circle.

Task force to handle leopard-human conflict

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The State government has announced the constitution of the Leopard Task Force to exclusively deal with human-leopard conflict that is on the rise in the south Karnataka region.

The GO was issued on Tuesday in the wake of an increase in human deaths due to leopard attack and killing of domestic animals in Mysuru, Nanjangud, H.D. Kote, Sargur, T. Narsipur, Mandya, Pandavapura, Nagamangala, and surrounding regions. The trigger for constituting the task force was the death of four persons due to leopard attack since October.

The team

The task force will be headed by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Mysuru circle, and will comprise 58 personnel and its overall functioning will be supervised by the Conservator of Forests, Mysuru circle.

The task force has been split into four units, each of which will patrol regularly in conflict-prone areas and will take precautionary measures in such places besides sugarcane cultivating belts.

The task force will have a control room at the Arayna Bhavan in Mysuru and it will be functional on a 24x7 basis. The control room number will be circulated soon widely.

Five vehicles equipped with searchlights, public address system, and siren will be procured for the use of the task force.

INBRIEF

Timber smuggling racket unearthed, 164 logs seized

The Forest Mobile Squad unearthed an inter-State timber smuggling racket and seized 164 teakwood logs being transported from Tumakuru to Tamil Nadu. Based on a tip-off, a team intercepted a truck carrying the logs on NICE Road after a hot chase. The officials arrested Hidayathulla Baig, truck owner, Sheikh Irfan, truck driver, and his assistant Sadiq Pasha.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (February 1, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- The funding and demand for MGNREGA
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Students thank traffic police for their work

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It was a day of gratitude and gratefulness at the Traffic Police Park on Tuesday as 50 students from different schools and 50 Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) constables gathered for a special event called, 'Celebrating Namma Bengaluru's Traffic Police'.

The event was organised by CMCA, a non-profit organisation to culminate a three-month programme where its volunteers conducted awareness sessions with students to help them appreciate the role of traffic police in cities and to understand the values of rules and laws, said a press release.

At the event, children lauded the BTP for their services and gifted them with thank you cards, poems, and messages. The traffic police officers were touched by the gesture and thanked the children for brightening their day.

"This is a moment of nostalgia for me. We had such celebrations in the past and CMCA has continued to recognise the work of the traffic police," said M.A. Saleem, Special Commissioner, Traffic. "This gesture boosts our morale and helps us work better. I would like to thank the students for coming here and for recognising us; you will be citizens of tomorrow and I encourage you to follow traffic rules, that is the biggest contribution you can make," he added.

"By taking part in this programme, children learn about empathy and start looking at things differently," said Priya Krishnamurthy, Co-Founder and CEO of CMCA.

BBMP Home Guard held for extorting money from couple

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Whitefield division police initiated an inquiry on Tuesday after a 25-year-old woman from Delhi, who had come to Bengaluru to visit her friend, tweeted that she was harassed by a constable who extorted money through UPI on January 28. The constable has been identified as Manjunath Reddy, a home guard deployed by BBMP for patrolling at Kundalahalli lake.

The complainant, Arsha Latif, clicked a photo of the constable's bike and posted a complaint on social media tagging the Bengaluru Police Commissioner.

"We have arrested Manjunath Reddy V. He is not a policeman, but a home guard attached to the BBMP. The police are filing an FIR charging him for extortion," said S. Girish, DCP, Whitefield division.

Ms. Arsha came to Bengaluru last weekend to visit her friend who had recently moved to the city. The duo met and went to Kundalahalli lake.

According to her complaint, a policeman emerged out of nowhere and began clicking their pictures. He questioned them and objected to their sitting on a bench on the edge of the lake 'without permission' and accused them of smoking. Unable to bear the harassment, her friend paid the constable ₹1,000 through UPI, following which he left.

Earlier in January, two police constables of Bandepalya Police Station were suspended for dereliction of duty after they 'planted marijuana (ganja)' in a youth's bag and extorted money from him

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Health Officer (Public Health),
BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: CHO(PH)/PR/P-259/2022-23 Date: 30.01.2023

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
RENEWAL OF TRADE LICENSE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

The Trade License renewal process for the year 2023-24 in BBMP jurisdiction is scheduled as follows:-

1. To the benefit of the trade owners, BBMP has provided option to renew trade license for one to five years period (April to March).
2. Renewal fee shall be limited to the number of Financial Years as selected by the Traders.
3. The Renewal License fee shall be either paid online or through Bank Challan at Canara Bank.
4. License fee shall be paid without any penalty from 01.02.2023 to 28.02.2023.
5. Between 01.03.2023 to 31.03.2023, license renewal fee shall be accepted with 25% penalty.
6. From 01.04.2023 onwards, license renewal fee shall be accepted with 100% penalty.
7. The license renewal process shall be done completely online only.

For more details visit webiste: www.bbmp.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Commissioner
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Suggestions invited

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kannada Book Authority has invited suggestions, opinions, and instructions from the public for restructuring of the Kannada book policy taking into account new media platforms for the holistic development of the Kannada book industry. According to a release, writers, thinkers, publishers and interested public may send their suggestions, notices and opinions to kannadappradhikara@gmail.com.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 01		
RISE	06:46	SET 18:20
RISE	14:43	SET 03:12
THURSDAY, FEB. 02		
RISE	06:46	SET 18:21
RISE	15:34	SET 04:04
FRIDAY, FEB. 03		
RISE	06:45	SET 18:21
RISE	16:26	SET 04:55

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	22
Mysuru	30	16
Bengaluru	29	19

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be slight warm. Night will be cool with haze and mist.

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Over 300 trees likely to be axed for upgrading STPs in KC Valley

BWSSB wants to take up the project as the National Green Tribunal has revised standards of effluent discharge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

More than 300 trees are likely to make way for upgradation of 248 MLD used water treatment plants in the Koramangala-Challaghatta (KC) Valley near Nagasandra in Yemalur. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has approached the deputy conservator of forests of BBMP, who is also the tree officer, seeking permission to remove 305 trees so that they can commence construction.

The project details provided by the BWSSB states that four sewerage treatment plants (STPs) are located near Nagasandra village, known as K&C valley STPs. These STPs are treating 40% of the sewage generated in Bengaluru. Out of the four STPs, two STPs (218 MLD and 30 MLD) were built 25 years and 18 years ago, respectively.

Among the trees identified, around 120 are teak. FILE PHOTO

The BWSSB maintains that the STPs were constructed to treat sewage as per old discharge limits laid down by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

In the wake of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) revising the standards of effluent discharge and minor irrigation department's projects to recharge ground water table by filling lakes in Kolar and Chickballapur districts with treated water from K&C valley, the BWSSB has decided take up the project by retaining some of the structures. Among the trees identified, around 120 are teak. After receiving suggestions and objections from the public, the tree officer will decide on retention, translocation and axing of trees.

Over 40 trees to go

Meanwhile, the tree officer has permitted removal of over 40 trees for widening storm water drains (SWDs) by the BBMP. The BBMP had approached the tree officer for removal of 73 trees at Soundarya Park, Amarjyothi Layout, RMV 2nd Stage.

After the public notice was issued, seven objections and suggestions were received. Objections received included one arguing that presence of trees helps avoid flooding in the area, and the existing drain is fully built-up, and widening is not required.

BBMP's justification

BBMP engineers claim that the existing drain does not have the capacity to handle the inflow of water. Widening is required, by removing trees that are located close to the drain. The reply from the SWD engineers also states that drains have already been re-modelled in the upstream and downstream, and balance portion is located in the middle. Once the narrow passage is remodelled, flooding can be avoided downstream.

City start-up develops robot to clean oil tanks

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The robot developed by Beta Tank Robotics Private Ltd.

A city-based start-up, Beta Tank Robotics Private Ltd, has developed a robot which can operate in oil tanks in petroleum refineries, and thereby eliminate risks to human beings. It was incubated at IIT Guwahati, and the project was funded by State-owned Oil India Limited.

The specialised robot can go from one tanker to another, and it does the job similar to a vacuum cleaner, said D.C. Shekar, Director of Beta Tank Robotics Private Ltd. "The gas inside tanks is toxic and there is the risk of explosion as well. We want to bring in robotics and eliminate risk to human beings," said Mr. Shekar.

"You cannot put normal robots with thermo-motors and electronics inside the tanks because of the risk of fire. So, these are streams of robotics that are controlled and powered by hydraulics, and this can help reduce the fire risk exposure," he added.

He also said in India there might be a requirement for a few hundred robots. The closest rival for this robot is a European one which is not as compact as the Indian one, and is also more expensive. The robot at present is undergoing safety assessment as there are very stringent standards set by the oil industry.

BBMP bans high-rise cranes during show

AERO INDIA 2023

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Days after the ban on selling meat ahead of Aero India show, the BBMP on Tuesday issued an order banning high-rise cranes on top of buildings within a radius of 5 km from the Air Force Station in Yelahanka.

The Joint Director of Town Planning (North), BBMP, ordered the public, owners, builders, and developers to lower high-rise cranes and stop crane work during the show from February 9 to 17.

Any violation will attract punishment under the BBMP Act, 2020, and the Indian Aircraft Rules, 1937, the order said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client Arifulla Shariff, S/o Late Fakhruddin Shariff, Aged about 53 Years, R/at Ibrahim Mansion, Room No.20, 3rd Floor, S.V.P Road, Dongri, Mumbai City, Maharashtra-400009, has cancelled Power of attorney dated 01-09-1998, registered as document No.7838 and Power attorney dated 15-1-2003, registered as document No.18869 which is registered in the office of the Notary Public Bangalore executed in favour Ajazulla Shariff, S/o late Fakhruddin Shariff are cancelled, terminated, Revoke both the documents, due to mis-appropriation of amount, non-allotting proportionate share, right, title and interest in respect of Schedule Property. if any person or authority or company deals with Ajazulla Shariff, S/o late Fakhruddin Shariff in such event our client is not held responsible for all cost and consequences.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the property portion of premises No.131, formed out of Sy No.58/2, situated at T Dasarahalli, Tumkur Road, Bangalore -560057. a)South by : Western portion of the schedule A property measuring east to West : 51 (Fifty one feet) and North to South : 74 (Seventy four feet) and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Altafulla Shariff No 9's portion, North by : Altafulla Shariff No.9's portion, South by NH 4 Tumkur Road, b) North - Western portion of the Schedule A Property measuring of East to West : 95 (Ninety five feet) and North to South L 110 (One hundred and ten feet) and bounded on the- East by road, West by Nala (Drain), North by : Private property in oy 57/6, South by : Altaulla Shariff (No.9)'s portion.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of immoveable property which being a portion of Property bearing survey No.57/1, T Dasarahalli Grama, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 400 feet and North to South 28 fee bounded on the East by : Private Property, West by : Private Road, laid in Schedule A property, North by Remaining portion of Same Property bearing survey No.57/1, South by : Property bearing old survey No.58/2, Khata No.1615 (Schedule a property).

Sd/-
Syed Khaleel Pasha, G.M. Jyoti, Manjunath, Anita Police Patel, Suhasin Chandrika, Syed Bilaal Quadri, Khaji Ismail, *Advocates*, No.162-163, Seppings Road, Near Coles Park, Bangalore - 560001.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: SEE/Tr(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)AEE-1/T-64/22-23/7444-46 Dt: 30.01.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following work.

Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/TTK/Arranging Alternative Auxiliary Power Supply (33kV Reference) PTR at 400kV Ballari Pooling Station, Kudathini, Date: 25.01.2023 for **"Construction of 33kV line for a distance of 4Kms from 33kV line nearest to 400kV Ballari Pooling Station, Kudathini along with Construction of Terminal bay and providing 500KVA33/11kV transformer at 400kV Ballari Pooling Station, Kudathini in Bellary Tq., & District"** including supply of equipments/Materials, Erection (including Civil Works), Testing and Commissioning on TTK Basis.

Tenders will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"eProcurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **02.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.** Details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Ele Tr.(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad
Phone: 08539-270094

THE HINDU

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Karnataka Public Work Department
(A Government of KarnatakaEnterprises) O/O Executive Engineer PWD Division, Hosapete, Dist:-Vijayanagara

No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hosapete/TND/2022-23/2882 **Date:30/01/2023.**

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the work notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through Electronic system containing details of EMD through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)	Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
1	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163302	300.00	9	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163479	70.00
2	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163303	500.00	10	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163541	110.00
3	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163305	500.00	11	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163538	60.00
4	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163304	130.00	12	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163537	200.00
5	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163483	80.00	13	KPWD/2022-23/BG/WORK_INDENT163306	345.00
6	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163482	115.00	14	KPWD/2022-23/BG/WORK_INDENT163307	170.00
7	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163481	120.00	15	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT164354	200.00
8	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163480	100.00	16	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT164353	200.00
17	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT162661/CALL-4	10.00			

1. Quarries of Tender On: **As Per E-procurement Portal.** 2. Last Date of Tender Submission On: **10.02.2023 @ 16.00 Hours.** 3. Tender Opening date On: **13.02.2023 @ 11.00 Hours.** 4. Financial Bid Opening Date: **As Per E-procurement Portal.**
Note: 1.Any Changes Either in Tender date or any other condition , Tenderers can view in E-procurement Portal.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/353/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.**

Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation and Ground water Development Division, Chitradurga

No.: E.M.C./P.B. -4/ S.T. Tender Period Extension/2022-23/ Date: 27.01.2023

Short-Term Tender Period Extension

Ref: No.: E.M.C./P.B. -4/Tender Notice – I.F.T. – 39/2021-22/ Date: 05.01.2023

As per the order and in the Name of the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Chitradurga, out of the 15 works (works of Package-1,2,3,4,5,6,11,12 & 13) invited vide I.F.T. -39 through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Karnataka as per KTPP Act-2000 Rules and subject to Standard Bid Document K.W. – 3 Rules 9 works has not been published in e-portal due to Technical reasons. Therefore the said Tender process is postponed and fixed as below. Tender documents can be downloaded from e-portal from: 30.01.2023. Last date for enquiries/obtaining information regarding the tender: 10.02.2023 up to 5.30 PM. Last date for submission of tender: 13.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM. Date and time of opening the Technical Bid: 14.02.2023 after 4.30 PM (if possible). Date and time of opening the Financial Bid: 15.02.2023 after 4.30 PM (if possible).If there are any changes in the amount of tender or E.M.D. the amount mentioned in the e-procurement bid document is final. Further information can be obtained from this office (08194-231811) and H.P. company Helpline No.: 080-25501216/080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/926/2022-23 **Sd/-Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Divison, Chitradurga**

Government of Karnataka
(Karnataka Rural water supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURGI-585105

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/2983 Dated : 30-01-2023

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only 1) Name of work: **Aland taluka-10 (Indent No 43577, 54072, 43573, 43563, 43564, 43566, 43567, 43568, 43571, 54755)**, 2) Head of A/C: JJM, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-III & II & above, 4) Tender Amount: Min 74,33,408/- Max 2,71,94,367/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **23-01-2023 11:00am,** 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **03-02-2023 4.00pm,** 8) Opening of Techincal Bid: **04-02-2023 4.01pm**, 9) Opening of Financial Bid: **06-02-2023 11:00am**, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIP/Kalaburagi/1193/MC&A/2022-23 **RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi**

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Badami Taluka : 1) Indent No - 54129 **(Kabbalageri)** 108.50 Lakhs. **2)** Indent No - 54127 **(Chimmalagi)** 134.39 Lakhs. **3)** Indent No - 54131 **(Kutakankeri)** 145.05 Lakhs. **4)** Indent No - 54132 **(Mangalagudda)** 135.91 Lakhs. **5)** Indent No - 54126 **(Adagal)** 166.31 Lakhs. **6)** Indent No - 54128 **(Hansnoor)** 170.62 Lakhs. **7)** Indent No - 54135 **(Yaragoppa SB)** 185.94 Lakhs. **8)** Indent No - 54121 **(Chimmanakatti)** 117.61 Lakhs. **9)** Indent No - 54125 **(Neelagund)** 173.69 Lakhs. **10)** Indent No - 54123 **(Haligeri)** 88.12 Lakhs. **11)** Indent No - 54124 **(Khyada)** 87.99 Lakhs. **12)** Indent No - 54133 **(Raghapur)** 92.75 Lakhs. **13)** Indent No - 54134 **(Shirabadagi)** 83.87 Lakhs. **14)** Indent No - 54515 **(Nandikeshwar)** 298.08 Lakhs. **Hungund Taluka : 1)** Indent No - 55009 **(Hiremagi)** 87.10 Lakhs.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ. **2)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **08–02–2023** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **5.30** ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ. **3)** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿಳಾಸ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ/829/ಮಸ್ಕಾರ್/2022–23 ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ.&ನೈ. ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,BELAGAVI DISTRICT, BELAGAVI
Telephone no:0831-2407279 E-Mail:dudc_bgm@yahoo.co.in

No: BGM/DUDC/5/CR-25/2021-22 **Dated: 30-01-2023**

Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Develoment Cell, Belagavi District invites short term tender for Sl.No.01 to 04 and full term for Sl.No.05 & 06 in two cover system using KW-3 & 4 Documents for Belagavi District under Chief Minister Amrut Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project (24.10%, 7.25% & 5% Grant) works as detailed below:- **(Rs. in Lakhs)**

Sl. No	Description of works	Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST)	Earnest Money Deposit
1	Construction of Road, Drain, Toilet and Pour Karmika's Rest House Works in Town Municipal Council SAUNDATTI-YALLAMMA limits. (Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143172/Call-2).	142.50	2.14
2	Construction of Road, Drain, Toilet, Samuday Bhavan and Pour Karmika's Rest House Works in Town Municipal Council MUNAVALLI limits.(Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143171/Call-2).	159.72	2.40
3	Construction of Library, Anganwadi and Toilet Works in Town Panchayat SHEDBAL limits. (Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143177/Call-2).	66.30	1.33
4	Construction of Road, Drain, Toilet and Pour Karmika's Rest House Works in Town Panchayat CHANNAMMAN KITTUR limits. (Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143175/Call-2).	78.24	1.56
5	Construction of Road, Drain, Toilet and Development of Samuday Bhavan Works in Town Municipal Council MUDALGI limits (Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143166).	132.63	1.99
6	Construction of Road, Toilet and Burial Ground Development Works in Town Municipal Council HARUGERI limits (Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143170).	131.93	1.98

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal at www.eproc.karnataka. gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

Sl.No.01 to 04	Last Date for submission of tenders	: 07-02-2023 up to 17.00 hrs.
	Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids)	:08-02-2023 at 17.01 hrs.
Sl.No.05 & 06	Last Date for submission of tenders	: 15-02-2023 up to 17.00 hrs.
	Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids)	:16-02-2023 at 17.01 hrs.

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/-EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1641/KSMCA/2022-23 **Distirct Urban Development Cell, Belagavi**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KALYANA KANRATAKA HUMAN RESOURCE, AGRICUTLURE & CULTURAL SOCIETY (R.), KALAUBRAGI DIVISION, KALABURAGI
Aiwan E-Shahi Road, PWD Building, Kalaburagi – 585102
Email: kksecklb@gmail.com Phone No: 08472-227712

No: KKHRACS/ DEV/ CR-70/ 2022-23 Date:31.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Secretary, Kalyan Karnataka Human Resources, Agriculture and Cultural Society [R] Kalaburagi invites quotations from interested agencies for **Providing Skill Development Training in Accounting, Taxation & Return Filing to B. Com / M. Com Graduates and aspirants of Kalyan Karnataka Region.**

Interested agencies are invited to submit their quotations through e-procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or before date: **15.02.2023 [Wednesday] at 5.00 pm** and Technical Bid will be opened on **16.02.2023 [Thursday] at 5.30 pm** and Financial Bid will be opened on **17.02.2023 [Friday] at 11.00 am.**

Sd/- SECRETARY,
Kalyan Karnataka Human Resource, Agriculture & Cultural Society [R] Kalaburagi Division Kalaburagi
DIP/Kalaburagi/1192/MC&A/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF DISTRICT OFFICER FOR BACKWARD CLASSES DEPARTRMENT,
District level Officer Complex Building, Room No:21-28, Siddharthanagara, Mysuru-11.
E-mail:dobcmmysore1@gmail.com Ph: 0821 2342917
No:BCWD-2/AS/OST/CR-03/2022-23 Date: 27.01.2023

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Tender Document System)

TENDER FOR OUT SOURCING STAFF FOR THE HOSTELS OF MYSORE DISTRICT BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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The Hindu education fair continues to get good response on second day

Several students visit stalls set up to help them with academic counselling, loans, and scholarship

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The International Education Fair (IEF) of *The Hindu EducationPlus* concluded on Tuesday with excellent response at Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences where hundreds of students and parents made use of numerous stalls, which were set up to help students with academic counselling, loans and scholarship to realise their higher education dreams in foreign countries.

Speaking at the event, professor O.P. Kharbanda said that the new era of technology has brought the world closer and has turned it into a small village.

"Within this village, the challenges are also of different kinds such as flexibility, adaptability, availability of support and others. The biggest challenge is the choice of a career path. The role of *The Hindu* and other groups at the fair, is to guide the students to choose a career path, which is of great help."

It was also mentioned in the fair that the number of students who go abroad from India has significantly grown in the last couple of years. "Last year was a record setting year for Indian students going abroad with over 1.2 lakh of them going to the U.S. alone. 2022 was also the year when more Indian students went to U.S. than Chinese students. Every organisation here (at the fair) is here to support the aspirations of Indian students for generations to come," said Sasha Ramani, Director of Corporate Strategy, MPOWER Financing.

He added that there was no better time for Indians to go abroad as universities now offer unique courses and programmes, students are getting ample help with regard to visa and immigration challenges and with highest quality education all over the world.

The International Education Fair, an edition of which took place at Christ University on Monday, was presented by MPOWER Financing and powered by Learners Cortex and Magoosh. The teachers and students who attended IEF said it was beneficial to get information about various universities across many countries at one place.

Mandhakini, a professor at Ramaiah University, said, "We visited the stalls to assess what kind of preparation is necessary for students to clear different entrance exams. Students do not know where to go and whom to approach, because there are a lot of fake sites and universities on the internet. So, an exhibition like this helps them and everyone else to get to know about the process to reach their goals."

Visitors at the 19th edition of the International Education Fair of *The Hindu EducationPlus*; (below, from left) Senthil Kumar Vinayagam, Head Of Business Development at Learners Cortex; Supriyo Choudhury, Senior Manager - Global Business Development, MPOWER Financing; O.P. Kharbanda, Pro Vice-Chancellor — Health Sciences, M.S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, and Sasha Ramani (right), Director of Corporate Strategy, at the fair. K. MURALI KUMAR

Protesting anganwadi workers angry over lack of response from government

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Thousands of anganwadi workers, who have been on an indefinite protest sleeping on the streets even at night at Freedom Park from January 23, are outraged at the lack of favourable response from the government and elected representatives.

The protesting workers set a 48 hour deadline on Monday for the government to fulfil their demands, failing which they have announced they will shift the dharna to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's residence.

"Nearly 30,000 anganwadi workers from across the State are sitting on a dharna through the day, even as nearly 5,000 of them are sleeping on the streets in the cold for a week now. Minister for Women and Child Development Halappa Achar who came to the protest site and took our memorandum is non-committal on fulfilling our demands and only said the government is with us. We will not end the protest till our demands are met," said S. Varalakshmi, president, Karnataka State Anganwadi Employees' Association.

She demanded that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai immediately intervene. One of the main demands has been that they should be provided gratuity. "From 2011, there are an estimated 30,000 anganwadi workers who have retired with a pay in the range of ₹4,500-₹11,000 for a worker and in the range of ₹2,500-₹5,500 for a helper. The government, if it pays gratuity to them, will have to bear an expense of only ₹250 crore. We have earned the right to gratuity after a 16-year-long legal battle in the Supreme Court," Ms. Varalakshmi explained. "These demands are not big if the government changes its mindset and prioritises the financial security of the working classes, rather than costly schemes that are aimed at wooing voters," the association said.

Anganwadi workers from across Karnataka are on a protest in Bengaluru since January 23, demanding status of government employees. K. MURALI KUMAR

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State ranks second in giving jobs to 18-25 age group: Survey

Maharashtra stands first in the category; the Economic Survey found that Karnataka has 10.8 lakh people engaged in factories and has bagged the fifth place in the country

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Karnataka contributed a share of 12.1% to the net payroll addition in the age group of 18-25 years in the country during April-November, 2022, according to the Economic Survey. Maharashtra topped the list with net payroll addition of 21.4% in the country in the same period and the same age group, while Karnataka stood second.

Other major states providing jobs are Tamil Nadu - 10.9%, Haryana - 9%, Gujarat - 8.4%, and Delhi - 7.6%. Six states, including Karnataka, contributed to nearly 70% of the net payroll addition in April-November, 2022, said the Economic Survey tabled in Parliament on Tuesday.

Under 29 get most jobs

The new jobs in the organised sector are mainly going to the youth and nearly 62.7% of net payroll addition are coming from less than 29 years of age during the period, it said.

The net addition in Employees' Provident Fund subscriptions during FY22 was 58.7% higher than in FY21 (55.7 %). In FY23, net average monthly subscribers added under Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)increased from 8.8 lakh in April-November, 2021, to 13.2 lakh in April-November 2022. The swift rebound of formal sector payroll addition can be attributed to the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY), launched in October 2020 to boost the economy, and increase the employment generation in post COVID-19 recovery phase.

As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries, employment in the organised manufacturing sector maintained a steady upward trend over time, with the employment per factory increasing gradually.

Participants at a job fair in a college near Mangaluru. FILE PHOTO

State-wise, Karnataka has 10.8 lakh persons engaged in factories and has bagged the 5th place. Tamil Nadu had the largest number of persons engaged in factories (26.6 lakh), followed by Gujarat (20.7 lakh), Maharashtra (20.4 lakh), Uttar Pradesh (11.3 lakh). In terms of share of employment (total persons engaged), the food products industry (11.1%) remained the largest employer, followed by clothing (7.6%), basic metals (7.3%), and motor vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers (6.5%), the survey said. Eight states, including Karnataka (69), have already achieved the Sustainable Development Goals target to reduce Maternal Mortality Ratio to less than 70 per lakh live births by 2030, said the report.

Noting incentives offered for semiconductor manufacturing in India, the survey said Israel-based International Semiconductor Consortium has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to invest ₹22,900 crore in Karnataka to set up India's first chip-making plant. While these are early stages, global and domestic players have evinced interest based on the prospects for the semiconductor industry in India and the fiscal incentives provided, the survey observed.

Tele-density above 100%

Noting penetration of telecommunications services, the survey said "today, the total telephone subscriber base in India stands at 117 crore (as of November 2022)". The overall tele-density in India stood at 84.8%, with wide differences across states. Eight states, including Karnataka had a tele-density of above 100%. The Economic Survey said high inflation in vegetables from April to September 2022 was mainly due to a spike in prices of tomatoes owing to crop damage and supply disruption due to the unseasonal heavy rains in the major producing states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.

'Jarkiholi indulging in cheap barbs, low-level politics'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after former Minister and BJP MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi sought a CBI probe into alleged involvement of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar in the release of a sex CD two years ago, which resulted in him quitting his post, KPCC spokesperson Ramesh Babu on Tuesday said Mr Jarkiholi was indulging in "cheap barbs and low-level politics" in his bid to settle scores against the Congress leaders.

Mr Jarkiholi levelled baseless charges against Mr. Shivakumar and MLA Lakshmi Hebbalkar to damage the party's prospects months before the Legislative Assembly elections in Karnataka, Mr. Babu told presspersons here.

As the Union government has been misusing its probe agencies, Mr. Jarkiholi wanted the CBI to probe into the case and fix KPCC president in the case, Mr. Babu alleged.

Mr. Jarkiholi was forced to quit in March 2021 as the State's Water Resources Minister after the alleged sex CD, featuring him and a woman, was aired on local TV channels. Mr. Jarkiholi has since been trying to get reinducted into the Cabinet without avail.

Vishwanath retires from electoral politics

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

MLC and former Minister A.H. Vishwanath on Tuesday announced his retirement from electoral politics, saying that he was "economically too weak" to contest Assembly elections. However, he said he would continue to be in politics.

Speaking to presspersons in Hubballi on Tuesday, Mr. Vishwanath said that present-day politics was nothing but money and caste politics, and that only real estate businessmen who were ready to shell ₹10 crore just for tickets would be able to contest elections.

Mr. Vishwanath, former JD(S) president, was among the 17 legislators who quit the Congress and the JD(S) to join the BJP, leading to the fall of the Congress-JD(S) coalition government in 2019. He subsequently lost the Assembly elections but was nominated by the BJP to the Legislative Council. He was denied a Cabinet berth after the High Court ruled against making a nominated MLC a Minister.

Mr. Vishwanath expressed concern about the ongoing political developments in the State and the low-level talks by politicians.

AAP to field candidates in all 224 constituencies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced that it is going to field candidates in all the 224 Assembly constituencies in the forthcoming Karnataka elections.

Party leader and MLA from Delhi, Atishi Marlena informed mediapersons that Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal will start campaigning in the state in due course. The announcement of the candidates will happen in the first week of March.

Ms. Marlena termed that Namma Clinic project of the ruling BJP government is nothing but a "copycat" of Mohalla Clinic porject by her party in Delhi but poorly executed in Karnataka.

She said that the political agenda of the three parties in the State BJP, Congress and JD(S) are those set by AAP.

Only 430 set up

"Only 430 Namma Clinics have been set up in Karnataka, which is a huge State compared to 500 in Delhi. Mohalla Clinics set up by AAP in Delhi offer 400 diagnostic tests, whereas in Karnataka they offer 15. It is a poor imitation of the project implemented by AAP. Similarly, the Karnataka government promises 24,000 classrooms in the Viveka scheme. My question is why have they not been built in all these years? On the other hand, the Congress promised 200 units of power. My question is Congress is ruling in many states like Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand and are they giving free electricity in the state where they are ruling? The only state providing free electricity via AAP is Delhi and now Punjab," she said.

Atishi Marlena. FILE PHOTO

"People don't want a copycat. There's only one Puneet Rajkumar, and no-one can replace him. Similarly, no one can replace AAP. Other parties may promise the same things, but only AAP has delivered. The people of Karnataka are aware of this and that's why our volunteers receive positive responses on the ground. I urge the people of Karnataka to choose an honest party that has delivered, and that party is AAP," She added.

25% allocation to education

Ms. Marlena said the Kejriwal-led government has allocated 25% of its budget for education, while Karnataka's government only allocates 12%.

Without adequate funding, Ms. Marlena said, the government cannot improve infrastructure or provide high-quality teacher training. She added that the Punjab government has regularized jobs of 9,000 teachers, while Karnataka 11,000 teachers are getting low pay and the government, citing court orders, is not regularizing their jobs.

Edu-Status symposium

Later, addressing the 'Edu-Status' a State-level symposium organised by the Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS), Ms. Marlena urged the Karnataka government to focus on improving quality education and infrastructure of government schools in the State, rather than regulating private schools.

"The parents in Karnataka have no choice other than sending their children to private schools. Therefore, the government should improve the government schools, instead of controlling private schools," he said.

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Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.), Corporate Office

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

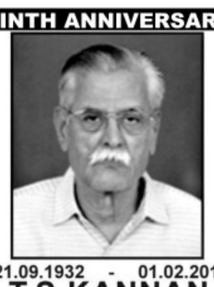
REMEMBRANCE | DEATH

REMEMBRANCE

Wg Cdr (Retd)
JACOB ANTHIKAD
Arrived Sept 1, 1938 - Departed Feb 1, 2015
"You vacated your earthly abode since Eight years; Your absence is marked by a cascade of tears; Your memory is an eternal flame; Which glows at the mention of your name"

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

NINTH ANNIVERSARY



21.09.1932 - 01.02.2014
T.S.KANNAN
I.A. & A.S (Retd.)
Former Chairman & Managing Director,
Richardson &Cruddas (1972) Ltd.
Chairman
National Small Industries Corp.
Executive Director, Ashok Leyland.
Family & Friends
"The quiet sense of something lost"

Obituary

02.12.1942 30.01.2023

Manjula Balakrishnan
W/o. Late S.R. Balakrishnan

"Departed from the earthly abode, she touched many lives with grace. You will always live in our hearts"

Deeply Mourned by

Sekhar & Manjula | Swarna & Sundar | Arjun & Riyo
Anjana & Chandroo | Karthik & Mona
Grandchildren | Members of the Alathur family
Relatives | Friends

IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Supply of Laptops, Printers and TAB for SC/ST Students, Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, under two cover bid system through E-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka.

1)Tender document may be downloaded from E-procurement portal from 31.01.2023 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before 14.02.2023 upto5.00 PM 3) Technical bid will be opened on 16.02.2023 at 11.00 A.M.

Further information may be obtained from above office and from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also from this Institution web site www.rims-raichur.com

Sd/- Director
DIP/Raichur/571/KSMC&A/2022-23 Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences Raichur

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA, CUTTACK
(Established by Odisha Act IV of 2008)
Kathajodi Campus, Sector 13, CDA, Cuttack -753015, Odisha
[Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC]

Advertisement for Faculty Position in Political Science
Advt No.: NLUO/FR-001/30-01-2023

National Law University Odisha, a premier Law University in India inviting applications in the prescribed format for the of Assistant Professor of Political Science on one year contract basis. The qualification is as per the UGC Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and measures for the maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018. The details of the post is as follows.

Sl. No.	Position	No. of Posts	Reservation	Pay Level	Nature of Appointment
1	Assistant Professor (Political Science)	1	UR	Consolidated Salary of Rs. 75,000/- p.m.	One year Contract

The intending candidates are requested to apply online using the link available on Career section of the University website **www.nluo.ac.in** latest by **10.02.2023** by **5.00 P.M.**

Note:
1. The print out of the application form, the Demand Draft of Rs. 500/- along with all proof of qualifications, experiences should reached the Registrar, National Law University Odisha, Kathjodi Campus, C.D.A., Sector - 13,Cuttack-753 015 on or before **17.02.2023**.
2. Other details of the posts and relevant information can be accessed from the Career section of the University website **www.nluo.ac.in**.
3. The applicants have to pay a non-refundable application fee of Rs. 500/- in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Registrar, National Law University Odisha payable at Cuttack.
4. Only short-listed candidates will be called for Interview.
5. No TA/DA will be given for attending the Interview.
6. For any updates please visit University website regularly, no separate communication will be made to the candidates.

Sd/- Registrar

Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(A Government of Karnataka Institutions)
No. 8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052

No.: KREIS/AEE-4/Tender-29/2022-23 Date: 31.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Tendering Only)

The tender has been invited for (1) Construction of Maulana Azad Model School Building at Chincholi Town, Chincholi Taluk, Kalaburagi District **(Tender Indent No. 3085)** and (2) Construction of Maulana Azad Model School Building at Chimmanchod, Chincholi Taluk, Kalaburagi District **(Tender Indent No. 3086)** through e-Portal vide website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on **01.02.2023**. The last date for receipt of tender is **15.02.2023**. The details may be viewed at above website.

Note: Any changes in Short Term Tender Notification will not be published in dailies. It will be published in e-procurement portal only.

***Sd/-* Assistant Executive Engineer**
DIPR/CP/LC/4401/2022-23 **KREIS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the respective owners of the Survey Numbers, as mentioned hereinbelow, all are situated at, **Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter called "Schedule Property".

ALL persons including an individual anybody under law, having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of said Property or any part or portion thereof are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at No.115/58, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018 within a period of ***07 (seven) days*** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land parcels detailed below situated at **Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** and bounded on;

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 43/1, measuring 12 Guntas,** situated at Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, and bounded as follows:

East by: Remaining land in Survey No. 43, **West by:** Survey No. 45,
North by: Survey No. 42, **South by:** Survey No. 44/2.

Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 59/6, measuring 01 Acre,** situated at Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, and bounded as follows:

East by: Survey No. 61; **West by:** Survey No. 59/1;
North by : Survey No. 61/2; **South by:** Survey No. 59/2

Item No.3 : All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 61/2, measuring 01 Acre,** situated at Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, and bounded as follows:

East by: Survey No. 61/1; **West by:** Survey No. 61;
North by: Survey No. 62; **South by:** Survey No. 59/6.

Mr. Madhusudhana H.R, Advocate
No.115/58, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross,Chamarajpet,
Bangalore-560 018. Phone: +91 98451 92477
Bangalore Date: 31.01.2023

INBRIEF

HC calls for final report in illegal ivory possession case

The Kerala High Court on Tuesday called for the final report in the the illegal ivory possession case involving actor Mohanlal and others from the Perumbavoor Judicial First Class Magistrate Court. The actor contended that the possession of the ivory tusks had been legalised as he was issued a proper ownership certificate.

208 students in A.P. fall sick; food poisoning suspected

At least 208 students at a social welfare girls hostel at Sattenapalli mandal in Palnadu district of Andhra Pradesh fell sick on Monday. Over 60 students have been admitted to Sattenapalli government hospital, while seven have been shifted to the Government General Hospital in Guntur. Many students suffered from fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach pain and headache, said G. Shobha Rani, DMHO. Based on the symptoms, the DMHO said it seems like they have suffered from food poisoning, adding that the reasons for falling sick could be ascertained only after laboratory reports are out.

Plant gutted in fire mishap on Amara Raja campus in A.P.

A fire broke out in one of the manufacturing units of Amara Raja Batteries Limited (ARBL) on its Nunegunglapalli campus in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh on Monday evening. Though there were no casualties, the industrial equipment in the tubular battery plant was gutted in the blaze that lasted till 4 a.m. Eight fire brigade teams from Chittoor were rushed to the campus to bring the fire under control. The cause of fire is yet to be ascertained.

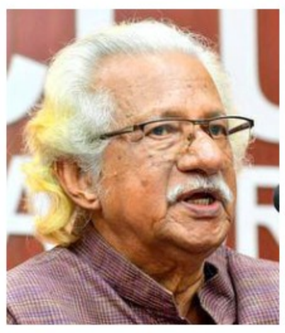
Adoor resigns as chairman of film institute in Kerala

K.R. Narayanan film institute has been at the centre of a storm following a protest movement by students demanding the resignation of director Shankar Mohan for alleged caste discrimination

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Bringing the curtains down on a long-drawn-out season of controversy at the K.R. Narayanan National Institute of Visual Science and Arts, Kottayam, filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishnan stepped down as its chairman. The institute has been at the centre of a storm following a protest movement by students demanding the resignation of its director, Shankar Mohan, for alleged caste discrimination.

Addressing a meet-the-press event here on Tuesday, Mr. Gopalakrishnan accused certain vested interests of instigating the students to protest against Mr. Mohan, who had resigned last week.



Adoor Gopalakrishnan addressing a press conference on Tuesday. S. MAHINSHA

The filmmaker said he had a long conversation with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan after submitting his resignation. He also released a five-page statement in which he lashed out at the inquiry commission appointed by the government, accusing it of not contacting him or Mr. Mohan and submitting a report.

The institute has already been facing an unprecedented crisis with eight of its employees tendering their resignation *en masse* in solidarity with the outgoing director.

Filmmaker Girish Kasaravalli, academic council chairman, also submitted his resignation. Meanwhile, Higher Education Minister R. Bindu seemed to side with the findings of the inquiry commission and said the commission was appointed with Mr. Gopalakrishnan's approval, and its members would not have any intention to wilfully create trouble for the director or the chairman.

They would have submitted the report after understanding all the issues, she said.

However, Mr. Gopalakrishnan demanded an investigation by a high-level police team to uncover the conspiracy behind the protests. He heaped praise on Mr. Mohan, whom he said had an exemplary record of over four decades during which he headed several film institutes and helmed various film festivals. Baseless allegations were raised against him to insult and sent him away, said Mr. Gopalakrishnan.

Only Family Courts can issue *Khula* certificates to Muslim women: HC

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Muslim women can approach only Family Courts and not self-declared private bodies such as a Shariat Council consisting of a few members of a Jamaath, in order to seek *Khula* (divorce), the Madras High Court has held. It has ruled that *Khula* certificates issued by private bodies are invalid in law.

Justice C. Saravanan ordered this, while quashing a *Khula* certificate issued by the Shariat Council of Tamil Nadu Towheed Jamath at Mannady in Chennai. The judge directed the estranged couple to approach either the Tamil Nadu Legal Services Authority or a Family Court to resolve their disputes.

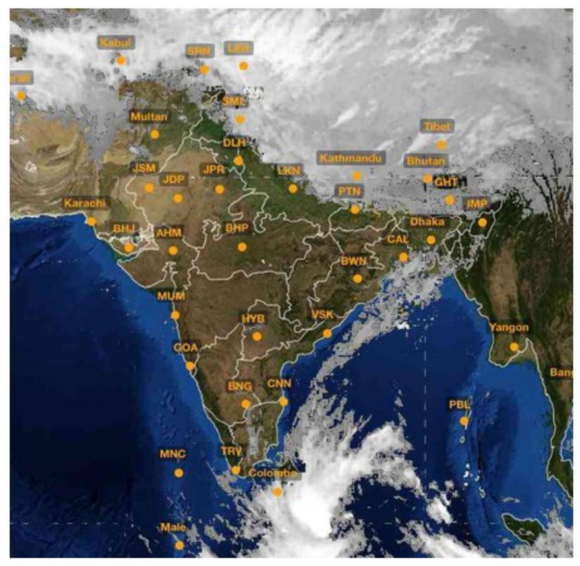
The direction was issued while allowing a 2019 writ petition filed by a man to quash the *Khula* certificate obtained by his wife from the Shariat Council in 2017. He contended that the council, registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act of 1975, had no authority to issue such certificates.

The petitioner also told the court that he had filed a petition for restitution of conjugal rights in 2017 and obtained an *ex-parte* decree too. Since the couple had a baby boy in 2015 after their marriage in 2013, he had filed a petition under the Guardians and Wards Act of 1890 too, and obtained favourable orders.

At present, a petition for executing the decree was pending before an Additional Family Court.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over south Tamil Nadu. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.5	13.8	Kozhikode	—	34.6	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	27.5	14.8	Kurnool	—	32.4	21.2
Aizawl	—	24.0	9.2	Lucknow	—	22.6	12.5
Allahabad	—	24.5	13.4	Madurai	—	35.0	22.5
Bengaluru	—	28.8	18.6	Mangaluru	—	34.0	23.4
Bhopal	—	23.0	12.4	Mumbai	—	33.2	19.8
Bhubaneswar	—	31.9	19.0	Mysuru	—	30.0	15.0
Chandigarh	—	23.8	10.4	New Delhi	—	20.2	9.9
Chennai	—	30.4	25.2	Patna	—	26.5	15.6
Coimbatore	—	32.0	22.2	Port Blair	—	29.8	25.9
Dehradun	1	23.4	7.6	Puducherry	1	30.5	21.8
Gangtok	—	18.6	10.1	Pune	—	30.4	16.7
Goa	—	32.6	21.5	Raipur	—	32.0	20.1
Guwahati	—	29.9	15.0	Ranchi	—	28.0	14.0
Hubballi	—	32.0	18.0	Shillong	—	20.8	10.7
Hyderabad	—	30.4	20.1	Shimla	—	13.9	4.0
Imphal	—	28.2	9.1	Srinagar	13	7.6	—
Jaipur	—	21.8	9.7	Thiruvananthapuram	4	31.7	23.6
Kochi	—	32.0	25.4	Tiruchi	6	29.3	22.4
Kohima	—	21.0	8.5	Vijayawada	—	30.8	20.6
Kolkata	—	27.2	17.0	Visakhapatnam	—	30.7	23.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	2	13	.32	120	122	
Bengaluru	9	—	.65	62	102	
Chennai	.23	.33	.43	171	117	
Delhi	.30	.80	.84	237	259	
Hyderabad	6	.46	.46	157	147	
Kolkata	.36	.39	.39	251	224	
Lucknow	.17	.34	.72	151	131	
Mumbai	.31	270	100	367	199	
Pune	120	178	111	234	146	
Visakhapatnam	.10	.40	.31	186	144	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 391 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 27

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Huli-Simha Dhama,Thavarekoppa, Shivamogga
No.: E.D./T&L/Tender/CR/2022-23 Date: 25.01.2023
Short-Term Tender Notice (Through e-Procurement Portal)
Short-Term Tenders are invited through e procurement portal for undertaking works related to Assamese Macaque, Common Langur, Lion Tail Macaque Enclosure and construction of Toilet in the limits of Huli-Simha Dhama,Thavarekoppa. Last date for submission of the said tenders: 08.02.2023 up to 5.30 PM. For further information this office can be contacted during office hours and can be obtained through www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Director, Huli-Simha Dhama, Thavarekoppa, Shivamogga
DIPR/smg/No.01/02/mca/22-23/1796

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWDept. Shimoga Division
No.EE/PWD/Smg/AE-3/IFT-45/M-1/2022-23 D:27-01-2022
Ref:1)EE/PWD/Smg/AE-3/IFT-45/2022-23 Dtd:26-12-2022
Postponement of Tender Notification
With above ref Tender invited through E-Procurement (http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in) for the work Conducting Land Plan survey for balance length of State Highways under PWD Divisions Shivamogga, Shimogga Special and Chikkamagalur Division is postponed due to technical reason & the dates for downloading & submission for the works as given below. For needful information please Office contact P.No08182-274942 &Helpdesk No080-23010900/23010901
Revised Tender dates are as mentioned below:
1. Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 02-02-2023 Time:17-30 **2**. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders: 04-02-2023 Time:16-00 **3**. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: 06-02-2023 Time:16-01 **4.** Date & time for opening of FinancialBid:7.02.2023 Time:11.00
Sd/- Exe.Engr., PWD,Shimoga Division, Shimoga
DIPR/smg/no.06/02/22-23/1790

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.:903/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/EE(E)/AEE-1&3/22-23/CYS-63 Date:31.01.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement mode only)
KPTCL invites tenders for providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at various 110KV S/s Kadanakoppa, Morab, Thabakada Honnalli, P.H. Compound, UAS, Dharwad, KUD, Dharwad, Alnavar, Gajendragad, Honnavar, Karwar, Belur(H), Dundashi, Tumminakatti, Hosahonatti, Anmod, Siddapura, Kirawatti, Umachagi, Kawalwad and 220KV R/s Shiggaon of Tr.(W&M) Circle, KPTCL Hubballi.
The detailed Notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging into KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on Hyperlink "e-procurement-KPTCL" or e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **01.02.2023.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Karwar Road, Vidyuthnagar, Hubballi - 24
Phone / Fax : 0836-2203094

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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI Division No-2 Babaleshwar- 586 113.
Phone:08355-200020
E-mail ID: eemli2babaleshwar@gmail.com
No: KBJNL/MLID-2/PB-4/SCP-TSP –MP-21-22/2022-23/1836 Date:31.01.2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL Bangalore, the under signed invites **tender on KW-2 & 3** from KPWD Class-I & Class II Contractors for 4 Nos of works under SCP head for the year 2021-22 under Vijayapur MP Constituency 1] Indent No.23532 for Rs.20.42 lakhs [SCP-Borewell-ST Contractor-Single Cover] 2] Indent No.23531 for Rs.45.98 lakhs [SCP-Borewell-SC Contractor-Single Cover], 3] Indent No.23530 for Rs.91.93 lakhs [SCP-Borewell-General Contractor-Two cover] 4] Indent No.23528 for Rs.97.06 lakhs [SCP-Borewell-General Contractor-Two cover] & 04 Nos of works under TSP head 1] Indent No.23526 for Rs.20.43 lakhs [TSP-Borewell-ST Contractor-Single cover], 2] Indent No.23518 for Rs.40.87 lakhs [TSP-Borewell-SC Contractor-Single Cover], 3] Indent No.23517 for Rs.91.93 lakhs [TSP-Borewell-General Contractor-Two cover] & 4] Indent No.23516 for Rs.91.95 lakhs [TSP-Borewell-General Contractor-Two cover]
Issue and submission of E-tender documents
1] The Contractor can have access to e-tender document from **03.02.2023 to 15.02.2023** up to 5.00 PM. 2] Cover-1 [Technical bid] will be opened **on 17.02.2023 at 11.00 AM.** 3] Cover-2 [Financial bid] will be opened **on 20.02.2023 at 11.00 AM** in the office of Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI Division No.2 Babaleshwar.
Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/813/ಕೆಎಸ್.ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI Division-2, Babaleshwar

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಹಾಸನ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಯುಷ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಆಯುಷ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಹೊಸಲೈನ್ ರೋಡ್, ಹಾಸನ-573201
E-mail: dao.hassan09@gmail.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ:08172-272272
No: DAOH/23/Man Power/2022-23 Dated: 27.01.2023
E-Tender
Ayush Department Hassan Inviting tender for Providing Man power service on outsource contract basis for a period of 01 year from Registered Agencies through E-procurement portal. Online tender application available in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from Date: 27-01-2023 to Date: 22-02-2023., for any other queries regarding tender will be contact website or District Ayush office. The Estimated amount of the tender is Rs.90 lakhs.
Sd/- District Ayush Office, Hassan
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.CEE/TRZ/SEE(O)/AEE-3/2022-23/11604-08 Dated: 30.01.2023
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)
KPCL invites bid against enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TKR/TZ/CEP-234/CALL-2 Dtd: 30.01.2023 for Supply of Safety Materials required for KPTCL Tumakuru and Davanagere Circle coming under Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Tumakuru.
The bids will be received through E-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging into e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on hyperlink "e-procurement-KPTCL on or after 02.02.2023. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.,), Transmission Zone, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Siddaganga Complex, B.H.Road, Tumakuru -572102. Ph: 0816-2270295.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby notified that my client is negotiating to purchase the property described in the Schedule herein with its **Owner Sri Balasubramanya Bhat,** who claim to be the owner of the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** having acquired the same in terms of Sale Deed, dated: 03.06.2011, registered as Document No.1645/2011-2012 of Book I, stored in VRTD114 registered in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bangalore.In this regard, the Owner has represented to my client that they are the absolute owner of the Schedule Property having exclusive possession thereof and that they have neither conveyed nor have entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person/s for sale/transfer/development/assignment of the Schedule Property. The Owner further represented to my client that Schedule Property is free from any encumbrance, mortgage, charge, lien, litigation, acquisition, or requisition.My client now intends to purchase the Schedule Property on the basis of the representations made by the Owner and in this regard, any person (s) or financial institution (s) ascertaining any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof and in any manner whatsoever against the Schedule Property based on the documents pertaining to the Schedule Property or objecting for the proposed sale may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client as the same shall be deemed to have been waived and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature to the proposed transaction/Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing residential vacant site/Plot bearing No. 160 carved out of the land bearing Sy No.56/1 and Sy No. 56/2 situated at Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, in the layout known as "**RELIAABLE LIFESTYLE**" Measuring East to West (58+61.50)/2 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1792.50 sq. feet and bounded on:
East by : Site No.127;
West by : Road;
North by : Site No.161;
South by : Site No. 159.
ROOPA SHETTY Advocate
Lex Situs, No.484, Lakshmi Arcade, 1st Floor, 17th Cross, 27th Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector2,Bangalore - 560102.
Phone: 080-22583563; Email: info@lexsitus.com

DISTRICT HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE OFFICE , TUMKUR
Ph:08116-2278387 E-mail:dhotumkur@gmail.com
No.DHT/EST(2)/47/2022-23 Date:25.01.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders are invited for procurement of 17 Pharmacy officer and 09 Junior Medical Lab technical officer posts for the year 2022-23 to the Health Institutions under control of District Health and Family welfare officer Tumkur to be filled from Outsource services from registered firms under E-procurement portal, for more details interested Tenderers may visit http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in website. And Tender documents may be download from the website. For more details Tenders may contact the undersigned officers during office hours
Sd/-**DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE OFFICER, TUMKUR.**
DIPR/TUM/908/KSMCA/2022-23

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2022-23 Dated: 24.01.2023
Invitation For Short term Tender
Tender ref no: 55/2022-23
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division,Madhugiri,invites tenders from eligible Tenderers,for the works. Total 02 Work, (Pavagada Taluk), Approx. amount for the work is Rs.370.00 Lakhs.Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before **02.02.2023** (up to 4.00 pm). Technical bids will be opened on **03.02.2023** after 4.15 PM, Financial bid will be opened on **04.02.2023** after 4.00 PM. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
DIPR/TUM/912/KSMCA/2022-23

RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, CHIKMAGALUR.
Tender Notice No.: 18/2022-23 Dtd: 25.01.2023
Notice Inviting Tender
Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur invites Tender through e-procurement related for providing Project management Consultancy Services for Implementation of Drinking Water Supply Facilities to 172 Rural Habitations of Tarikere taluk and Urban Population of Ajjampura Town in Chikkamagaluru District, to be implemented through Design, Build, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) mode under Jal Jeevan Mission. Contract can be awarded to contractors only if they have the minimum qualifications as mentioned in Act 1.Tender for works should be submitted through e-procurement from 25.01.2023 to 13.02.2023 up to 5.30 PM. Tender will be opened on 14.02.2023 at 5.30 PM. In case this day is a holiday the next day will be considered. Notification can be read on www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in For further details the caseworker can be contacted duringoffice hours
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur
DIPR/ckm/No.267/mca/22-23/1781

Policy folly

Pakistan needs a paradigm shift in its approach to terrorism

When the Taliban captured Kabul in August 2021, Imran Khan, then Prime Minister of Pakistan, said Afghanistan had "broken the shackles of slavery". Pakistan, which had harboured the Taliban leadership, was largely seen as one of the victors of the Afghan civil war. But the celebratory mood faded as the Taliban's triumph also emboldened the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the Pakistani version of the Sunni Islamist insurgency. Since then, Pakistan has witnessed a rise in terrorist attacks, especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa bordering Afghanistan. Monday's blast in a mosque in Peshawar's highly fortified Police Line area, claiming at least 100 lives, was the deadliest in Pakistan in years and a sharp reminder of how its strategy of backing the "good Taliban" and fighting the "bad Taliban" has backfired. A TTP faction initially claimed responsibility, but a spokesperson denied any role. This demonstrates the divisions within the group rather than raising doubts about its involvement. The blast bears the hallmarks of a TTP attack – it took place in its stronghold and was targeted at security personnel. And no other group has claimed responsibility.

The TTP and the Afghan Taliban may be organisationally different, but they are ideologically brothers. What the TTP wants to do in Pakistan is what the Taliban have managed to do in Afghanistan. After the 2014 Peshawar school bombing, which killed over 150 people, mostly children, the Pakistani Army had cracked down on the group. But the Afghan Taliban's return to power changed the dynamics of insurgency in the border region. Mr. Khan adopted a policy of engagement towards the TTP. The Afghan Taliban hosted talks between the TTP and Pakistan which led to a ceasefire. But the year-long truce collapsed in November last year. Many believe that the TTP, which used the ceasefire to rearm and reorganise itself, is now spreading terror with greater firepower. The Peshawar blast has come at a time of continuing political instability, with Mr. Khan leading a relentless campaign against the government, Pakistan's currency tanking, its foreign reserves falling, inflation soaring and the power situation remaining grim. Unable to pay its debts, the government is in talks with the IMF for a bailout package. And now, there is a security challenge. Pakistan should realise that its policy of selectively fighting and selectively harbouring terrorism and extremism has done it more harm than good. It needs a paradigm shift in its approach towards terrorism, while, more urgently, amassing its resources and going after the TTP, which is posing the biggest internal security threat to the Pakistani state.

Youth and pedigree

Germany relied on experience and resilience to win the Hockey World Cup

Germany's connection with Bhubaneswar deepened last Sunday when the 2002 and 2006 champion won its third men's Hockey World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium. Incidentally, Germany had claimed its last major title, the 2014 Champions Trophy, at Odisha's capital – the modern part of the city which was designed by German architect Otto Konigsberger in 1946. The Die Honamas equalled Australia and the Netherlands' triple crowns and remained one behind Pakistan. Germany, which had qualified for the World Cup by being runner-up in the Euro hockey championships and had lost to India in the Tokyo Olympics bronze medal match in 2021, was not among the favourites. It relied on its innate grit and resilience to script come-from-behind wins against England in the quarterfinals, the mighty Australia in the semifinals and 2018 edition's champion Belgium in the final. Two of these, including the one in the summit clash, came through penalty shootouts. With a fine mix of promise and pedigree, also comprising seven players – including 'Player of the final' and 'Best player' and 'Best Forward' of the tournament Niklas Wellen – from the 2014 Champions Trophy winning side, Germany looked a cohesive unit. Drag-flicker Gonzalo Peillat, who played for Argentina in 2018, contributed significantly by scoring important goals in German colours.

While Belgium's dream of retaining its champion's tag was shattered, Australia's aim to win a record-equalling fourth gold received a setback as it returned empty handed after 1998. The Netherlands settled for a consolation bronze. The European nations' domination continued but their Asian counterparts disappointed. South Korea, the best Asian side, took the eighth place. India, joint ninth with Argentina, recorded its lowest finish in the four World Cups it hosted. It resulted in the exit of chief coach Graham Reid, who had led India to a historic bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics. Overall, the impeccably staged World Cup in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, which boasts of the largest hockey stadium in terms of seating capacity, turned out to be a close affair with 11 of 44 matches either finishing as draws or going into shootouts. An average of 5.66 goals per match was the highest ever in a men's World Cup. The successful conduct of the event, featuring packed houses for many games, has enhanced India's reputation as an organizer of elite competitions and set a benchmark for Belgium and the Netherlands, the joint hosts of the 2026 men and women World Cups. At home, Hockey India, led by former captain Dilip Tirkey, should capitalise on the atmosphere created by this iconic event to rejuvenate the sport.

The Economic Survey that wasn't

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It is generally acknowledged that the Budget of 1991 which was presented by the then Finance Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, is one of Indian economic history's landmark events. The Budget is still widely lauded by neo-classical economic commentators because it marked a structural shift in India's economy away from the hands of the government to the hands of private enterprise, and embraced free trade. That was the prevailing wisdom then, dubbed as the 'Washington Consensus'.

Three decades later, many developed economies, including America, Britain and Germany, are now reversing course to economic nationalism and increasing the role of government in their economy through industrial policy, ostensibly as a response to China's economic might and a weaponisation of trade. This is a profound shift in economic thought – and perhaps the greatest symbolic victory for China's economic model – that has forced the 'Washington Consensus' champions to back-pedal.

A disappointment

In this context, what should India's economic strategy be? Should India too revert to increased state control of the economy through an active industrial policy? In which case, should India exercise greater control over the exchange rate of the rupee? And impose trade restrictions? The Russia-Ukraine conflict has had enormous geo-economic consequences by recreating a stark bi-polar world order of a China/Russia bloc vis-à-vis western bloc of nations. How will India's economy be impacted by this, especially as we seem to have harked back to bi-lateral currency arrangements with Russia for trade, abandoning the dollar? These are all questions that are immensely important and imminently urgent, calling for serious discussion and debate among policy thinkers and makers.

The Economic Survey presented by the Chief Economic Adviser a day before the Union Budget has typically been the medium to raise issues for public discussion and ponder over such strategic economic matters. At least, that has been the case over the past decade or so. Surveys of the previous years had put out various ideas and issues such as universal basic income, economic divergence among States, steps to improve property tax revenues using satellite technology, new ways to calculate inflation using the Indian thali, estimating internal migration of people and so on. Many of these may not have even been fully fleshed out or well-researched policy ideas, but at least served as an intellectual public good by triggering a debate and forcing policy influencers to think about these issues.

> The Survey of 2022-23 is, sadly, more a dry compilation of data to substantiate the government's economic performance, than the ideal space to discuss some of the serious economic issues of the day

Disappointingly, the Economic Survey of 2022-23 did not provoke any such deliberation or discussion. It is a rather dry compilation of data to substantiate the Narendra Modi government's economic performance. The Economic Survey has 66 tables and 246 charts with cherry-picked data points (e.g. fig. II.8) that seek to portray a stellar image of the government's economic management and blame the previous regime for all ills, which is perhaps an occupational hazard and an inevitability in the current climate of politics and government. But the Survey had some new and interesting data – on the housing market, digital infrastructure, etc. – and putting out such copious amounts of economic data in the public domain in itself is a yeoman service to be appreciated.

Unlike previous years, this year's Survey has only one volume and also a separate 'Highlights' volume that lays out the key messages creatively and simplistically for a larger audience. The broad story is that the Indian economy has recovered from the novel coronavirus pandemic but is still at the mercy of global geo-political developments; and so the Economic Survey has been honestly cautious about future growth and inflation. Unsurprisingly, it has painted a rosy picture of both Good and Services Tax (apparently because it has improved tax buoyancy) and of the corporate tax cuts of 2019 (because it seemingly helped clean up bloated corporate balance sheets). The chapter on the social sector has delved deeper than previous surveys have done into issues of employment, rural wages, demand under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and other important human capital topics supplemented with vast amounts of data. But an analytical discussion on the employment intensity of contemporary economic growth models and ideas to boost job creation is missing. Instead, the chapter inexplicably concludes that the 'PM's Minimum government Maximum governance vision will hold the key to equitable economic growth', sounding like a Bharatiya Janata Party manifesto.

A mirror of the government's line

The Survey rightly exults over the increase in government capital expenditure from 12% of total expenditure in 2014 to 19% now. With much global uncertainty, tepid corporate investment and precarious asset markets, the emphasis on public capital expenditure to boost the economy is prudent and wise. On private sector investment, it waxes eloquent about manufacturing and Production Linked Incentive schemes with grandiose but unsubstantiated claims of attracting ₹3 lakh crore in capital investment and generating six million new jobs in the next five years.

Like the government of the day, the Economic Survey also suffers from the 'take credit for the rains but blame nature for the drought' malaise when, for all the 'Make in India' hype, manufacturing gross value added (GVA) grew only at 4% (real) even before the pandemic hit, which it blames on corporate 'indigestion' from too much debt accumulated during the previous regime.

Yet, it is neither unreasonable nor unfair to have expected a little more intellectual acuity into some of the pressing economic issues of trade, industrial policy, capital account and inequity that the whole world is ruminating over now. More so because the Chief Economic Adviser is eminently qualified and wise, who would have thought deeply and formed an opinion about the direction that India should take in the current crossroads of economic strategy.

The Economic Survey is really the only medium in the country for a rigorous, thoughtful and nuanced discussion of new economic ideas. Perhaps it was a deliberate and intentional move to stick to data and facts to provide a report card of the government's economic performance, and not a doctoral thesis on the economic road map to prompt discussion in the public sphere, like the previous surveys. Regardless, it is always easier to be a commentator than a player, albeit less fun and impactful.

Solar energy is not the best option for India

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The Hindu's editorial, "Energy conundrum" (December 15, 2022), expressing caution about the country's bubbling enthusiasm in the climate change agenda by going the whole hog on solar energy is timely but spartan, and needs amplification. Apart from the external pressure that is pushing India more and more into the so-called carbon limiting renewable energy path, the Prime Minister's own enthusiasm and support and a simple understanding that solar energy is a free gift from the sun have made identifying what is good for the country difficult. Shorn of misperceptions and ill-conceived pressures, we can conclude that solar energy is not the best option for India and that we are better off in just relying on large hydro and coal. Now, what are the misconceptions?

One argument put forth in favour of solar power is that the levelised cost of power is coming down and is close to that of coal. There are two flaws here.

The first is the wrong comparison of solar power with coal electricity at the load centre, instead of at the pithed, which costs about half that of the load centre. According to the Central Electricity Authority, which was once the final arbiter in electricity matters, moving electricity through high voltage wires is cheaper than moving coal – and that is the reason for starting the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (now NTPC Limited) during K.C. Pant's time.

The second flaw is not comparing like with like. Solar electricity is intermittent and coal electricity is continuous. So, you have to add the cost of storage by battery. Protagonists of solar power will want us to add the environmental cost of carbon to coal – for its greenhouse gas emissions – but now the carbon market has crashed and is in that state for years; one does not have any objection to add its market price. The shadow price or true economic value of coal is even lower than its market price, since the cost of labour in mining carries a shadow price of zero (they being unskilled workers who would be unemployed otherwise).

> The country should not give up on large hydropower and coal projects

Coal, solar and some calculations

Some enterprising researchers (E. Somanathan of the ISI *et al.*) have quantified the cost of carbon emission in terms of deaths due to particle ($PM_{2.5}$) pollution. Implicitly, they agree not to consider the greenhouse gases cost of coal, because it is a global issue, but want to include the particulate emission cost of carbon, which is a local issue. Here, the number of deaths is multiplied by a figure for the value of statistical life, calculated by asking potential victims "how much would you like to pay to avoid an increase in probability by 10% of your death due to pollution?"; they have arrived at a figure of ₹1 crore. The comparable figure in the United States is ₹1.8 crore. To start with, who gets such high compensation anyway? The victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy got a pittance compared to this figure. Taking this value of statistical life, they have adduced ₹1.64 per kwh of electricity to the carbon cost alone. Taken along with coal to load centre at a price of $44 per tonne and capital costs of coal plants at 8 cents to 12 cents per kwh for new power plants with low capacity utilisation factor (which is never the case with coal, as they are operated nearer the base load with high plant load factors), coal-based electricity is categorically made unviable.

Thus, solar energy is made financially viable by misguiding the people by leaving out storage battery cost; handicapping it with subsidies and concessions that are front loaded by the government, and forcing it on the industry and hapless discoms through state policy. That this is thrust down the throats of client discoms and industry is clear from the slow progress so far, the programme missing its target by 40%-50%, and discoms reneging on their 25-year power purchase agreements, on seeing lower and lower prices in later bids for others.

In support of hydropower

There seems to be competition, egged on by the West, between India and China, as to who does more renewable energy. We can do more renewable energy in large hydro, which is both low carbon and least cost. India has utilised only about 15% of its hydro potential whereas the U.S. and Europe have utilised 90% and 98% of their potential, respectively. The extent of utilisation of hydro potential seems to be an index of civilisational development and evolution. While China relies on renewable energy, it banks more on coal and hydro. The Three Gorges project on the Yangtze is the world's biggest hydro electric project. In India, powerful environmentalists stop large hydro projects in their tracks. One major reason for the sickness in the power sector is due to the focus on renewable energy in a big way. It is a pity that the NTPC which was a model thermal power producer meant to produce coal-based electricity from pithead, is doing unrelated diversification into renewables, which is not its core competence. The only place where solar power is viable in India is its use in water heating, and even that is because of increasing block tariffs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A millet revolution

In a calorie-centric country, where two major cereals form the staple for almost 95% of the population, this is probably the right juncture to tap the benefits offered by millets (Editorial page, "Tasks for India's millet revolution", January 31). A millet consumption revolution has to reach every corner of the country where the emphasis has to be on the Public Distribution System in association with the Food Corporation of India and other allied agencies helping in this mission. People should also commit themselves to millet usage and have at least one meal a day made up of millets.

Satish Reddy Kanaganti,
Tipparthi, Nalgonda, Telangana

The 'Feast of millets' hosted in December 2022 in Parliament House was a welcome sign of a changing attitude towards nutrition. The younger generation must be made aware of the nutritional and therapeutic values of millets.

Varughese C. Thomas,
Kuttapuzha, Thiruvalla, Kerala

Millets at one point of time were considered to be a tribal food, consumed only by "backward" tribals. But once scientists pointed out the nutritional benefits, they became a "superfood" instantly.

Ananya Dash,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

The long march

Despite the general success of the Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra, much needs to be done on the political front. Parties, individuals and forces committed to the values of the Constitution, secularism, 'left of centre' policies and those who feel a revulsion over attempts to mix religion and politics and practise divisive politics, vengeance, violence and hatred have all to be united. Any follow-up version of the yatra has to reach out to local and specific political forces and individuals to accomplish this.

M.V. Sridhara,
Mysuru

The Congress's Rahul Gandhi may have completed his 135-day long marathon walk, but the fact is the Congress is being hampered by infighting in almost all States. The party needs to iron out its differences with other political parties ready to join forces with it to win the battle in 2024. It is a daunting proposition but not impossible to achieve.

M. Somasekhar Prasad,
Hyderabad

Mr. Gandhi should have had the grace to thank the government for ensuring that his walk ended without any untoward event, especially in Kashmir.

P. Ganesan,
Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

Group and charges

The report of the U.S.-based agency, Hindenburg, on the Indian conglomerate in the news can neither be accepted as the gospel truth nor dismissed as an allegation with an ulterior motive. In parallel, there is also a foreign broadcasting corporation raking up a closed chapter, i.e., the Gujarat riots, despite the country's leader having been given a clean chit by the highest court.

It is difficult to dismiss the impression gaining currency that there could be a hidden agenda behind the BBC documentary and the Hindenburg report. Only a probe by an expert committee under the supervision of the top court can bring out the truth in the Hindenburg report versus the group's dealings. The onus is also on the group to prove the adage, Caesar's wife must be above suspicion.

S. Seshadri,
Chennai

Indian hockey

The Indian men's hockey team's early exit from the Hockey World Cup is a rude reality check after the high of a podium finish at Tokyo Olympics. Germany, Australia and Belgium employ the services of mental conditioning coaches — of value when a team finds itself in tight situations in knock-out matches. These changes must be incorporated at junior and sub-junior levels since youngsters are more compliant and responsive. Field hockey has become an intensely fast-paced game, and India runs the risk of returning to the days when it vied for the lower ranks in a world tournament.

Dr. Pushpinder S. Khera,
Jodhpur, Rajasthan

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The quest for hope in Myanmar

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Myanmar today remains pessimistic about its future. Exactly two years ago, the military staged yet another coup, snatching power from the elected leaders. It derailed the limited democracy of the previous decade, violating the 2008 constitution which the generals had given to the people.

The situation today

The period since February 1, 2021 has been a long nightmare. There are three camps now in Myanmar: the military, which wields power in major towns; the opposition named the National Unity Government (NUG) and its partners, which call the shots in the countryside; and the ethnic groups on the geographic periphery, which are divided into those which are pro-military, pro-NUG, or neutral.

Peaceful protests of the early post-coup months gave way to violent resistance, with frequent clashes occurring in many parts from the west to the east and the heartland. Insecurity is widespread. The deep divide is seen in the air force bombing the citizens and the people's militias killing government soldiers and policemen. Aung San Suu Kyi, whose party scored a decisive victory in the 2020 elections, is now 77 and is serving a 33-year-long prison sentence in solitary confinement. The military and the NUG have termed each other as "terrorists", thus ruling out dialogue. Without dialogue and the will to compromise, there can be no reconciliation.

Meanwhile, the economy traverses a difficult terrain, marked by a sharp decline in GDP, and a massive rise in poverty, unemployment and inflation. The currency is in free fall. Myanmar thus finds itself mired in a total impasse today.

Many Burmese people tend to place their hopes on some miraculous assistance from the outside world. Unfortunately, the international community stands fractured while coping with the crisis in Myanmar.

To the West, it is a clear-cut case of a repressive and power-hungry army suppressing the people, depriving them of their democratic rights. The western nations react through condemnation at the United Nations, targeted sanctions against the junta, and generous material assistance to the opposition. On December 21, 2022, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 2669, expressing deep concern about the situation and urging the release of all political prisoners. It attracted no veto, only abstentions by China, Russia, and India. But even with such rare unity, the UN has failed to move the military, known for its stubbornness and inflexibility.

The UN is supportive of ASEAN, ever keen to play a mediator's role in Myanmar. But the Myanmar government refuses to cooperate with ASEAN. In April 2021, Commander-in-Chief Min Aung Hlaing accepted ASEAN's 'Five-Point Consensus' formula as a way out, but later he resiled from it, refusing to make any concessions to the opposition. The ASEAN persists, but only in form. This is because behind its façade of unity lies serious differences between the anti-military group (Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Brunei) and the pro-military group (Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia). A near-miracle was expected from the new chair, Indonesia. However, Jakarta realises its limitations and believes that the problem lies within, which Myanmar's political class itself will have to resolve.

China and Russia are busy forging close cooperation with the government. China has extensive interests ranging from the strategic to economic domains. It dislikes instability, but has enough partners enabling it to keep consolidating its position. Shunned by the West due to the war in Ukraine, Russia has found a willing partner in Myanmar's generals who need Russian arms, training and political support. The more the West pressures the junta, the tighter becomes the latter's embrace of Beijing and Moscow.

India's dilemma

As the world's largest democracy, India desires a stable and prosperous Myanmar where democracy flourishes. But realpolitik comes in the way. New Delhi follows the policy of dealing with the government of the day. Hence it does business with the generals, much to the NUG's discomfiture. Besides, India has solid security and economic interests. It needs assistance to tackle the Indian Insurgent Groups sheltered in Myanmar; its mega infrastructure projects aimed at the people's welfare require the authorities' cooperation; and it is resolved to stay in competition with China for influence in Myanmar.

India's Myanmar experts are hardly helping matters by being divided and offering contradictory advice. One group wants the Modi government to stay the course. The other advocates a studied opening towards the NUG and the ethnic groups. This camp even wants India to play a mediator's role in the imbroglio. New Delhi has never attempted this before and is unlikely to consider it now. India's options are limited. It knows that the root causes of the political problem lie in Myanmar's soil. The responsibility for finding a solution, therefore, rests with its leadership.

The big question now is whether the military can hold elections in August. Forget 'free and fair' elections. The sheer logistics of holding elections pose a serious challenge given the opposition's plans to disrupt them. Even if elections are held, they are unlikely to win credibility or legitimacy at home or abroad. If the military defers them indefinitely, it would signal the country's return to square one.

I wish I could spot some light at the end of the tunnel.

The period since the 2021 coup has been a nightmare: society is deeply divided, the economy is in free fall, and Aung San Suu Kyi is serving a long prison term

A walk that could herald change

Takeaways from the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Uttar Pradesh

STATE OF PLAY

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After spurning the Congress's invite to participate in the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav attended the Bharat Rashtra Samithi's recent show of strength in Telangana indicating that his party is keen on an opposition front without the Congress.

Mr. Yadav's attendance in Khammam district in Telangana came after he said, in response to a question on his participation in the Uttar Pradesh leg of yatra, that the BJP and the Congress are the same, while the SP's ideology is different. Many people felt that it was immature of Mr. Yadav to have shut the door on a yatra that was aimed at uniting people and parties against the BJP. His subsequent letter to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, in which Mr. Yadav wrote that he hoped that the yatra would achieve its goal, sounded more like an afterthought and only created ambivalence about the party's next move.

Recently, on a visit to Uttarakhand, the SP president laid out his terms for an alliance. If someone asks him for seats in Uttar Pradesh, he said, he would seek constituencies in Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh. This 'someone' could only be the Congress.

More than ideology, what seems to be playing on Mr. Yadav's mind is the past. He has not forgotten the 2017 Assembly elections when he joined hands with Mr. Gandhi; the result was disastrous. Moreover, regional parties that emerged out of Mandal politics in the cow belt continue to carry an anti-Congress sentiment and believe that the Grand Old Party will self-resurrect at their cost.

However, the shift in stance can create more fissures in the SP's alliance with the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) in the State. After the alliance lost Om Prakash Rajbhar to the BJP, it appears that the RLD, which is in an alliance with the Congress in Rajasthan, is negotiating with the national party in U.P. and Haryana too. During the U.P. leg of the yatra, RLD president Chaudhary Jayant Singh chose to be on vacation, but his presence could be felt in the massive show of support by the RLD cadre for Mr. Gandhi. By keeping his options open, Mr. Singh wants to bargain hard for seats with the SP, which he could not do in the Assembly polls.

With the Congress, the RLD could revive its old demand of reservation for Jats in central government jobs in U.P. It could use this as an antidote to the BJP's communal card in the sugar cane belt. A Jat-Muslim-Gurjar combination could then be a decisive factor during elections. It was during the last leg of the Manmohan Singh government that the Jats of U.P. were given reservation, but it was struck down by the Supreme Court after the BJP emerged victorious in 2014.

After the U.P. Assembly polls last year, a section of Muslims felt that they had supported the SP, which tactically remained silent on the community's issues, and would now like to vote for the Congress during the Lok Sabha polls provided it shows some fighting spirit. At that time, Mr. Gandhi was taking on the Modi government online. Now, he is on the ground talking about opening shops of love and peace in a market of hate. If the Muslim votes shift to the Congress, it could become a headache for the SP.

The Congress kept reminding journalists during the yatra that it is not in U.P. to undercut its ideological partners, but only to focus on pan-Indian issues such as communal discord, unemployment and inflation. Yet, Mr. Gandhi chose to hold a big rally in Panipat, Haryana, which shares its boundaries and demographic profile with West U.P., and discuss reservation for the Other Backward Classes (OBC), which his father did not support in Parliament. With select groups, he talked about the Minimum Support Price and the impact of the Agniveer scheme. It was not just the larger-than-life cut-outs of Mr. Gandhi chewing sugar cane that attracted attention but also the banners that advertised the OBC Morcha of the party.

With Yogendra Yadav and Rakesh Tikait joining the yatra in Haryana, the event appeared like a mobile version of the farmers' protests on the Delhi border against the farm laws in 2020-21. And when former State Congress president and grassroots leader Ajay Kumar Lallu said that the ripples of the yatra would be felt in eastern U.P. as well, the political ambition of the yatra could no longer be denied.

However, for now, the yatra can be considered as just one political step in a State which has the highest number of Lok Sabha seats.

Post-COVID, reading ability of students worsened more than math skills

The reading abilities of school students in Gujarat were impacted the most

DATA POINT

Rebecca Rose Varghese & Vignesh Radhakrishnan

The Data Point published on January 23 showed that the math skills of rural schoolchildren in the southern and western States were impacted most due to COVID-19. However, further reading of the Annual Status of Education Report (2022), based on which the story was written, shows that the reading abilities of rural schoolchildren were impacted even more than math skills.

In 15 of the 27 States for which relevant data were available, the share of students in Class VIII who could carry out division problems decreased in 2022 compared to 2018. In 19 States, the share of them who could read Standard II-level text decreased in 2022 compared to 2018. Thus, the adverse impact of COVID-19 on reading abilities was seen in more States.

Moreover, the decline in the share of students who could read such texts was steep in most States. Across India, the share of Class VIII students who could read Standard II-level text decreased by 3.5% points in 2022 compared to 2018, whereas those who could solve division problems in fact increased by 0.6% points.

Chart 1 shows the share of Class VIII students who could read Standard II-level text in 2022. Each circle corresponds to a State. The farther a circle to the right, the higher the share of students who could read the text. **Chart 2** shows the same for 2018.

In Gujarat, only 52% of students in Class VIII were able to read Standard II-level text in 2022, the lowest among all the States. In 2022, among the southern States, the share of such students was above the national average only in Kerala, whereas in 2018, the share of such students was higher than the national average in three southern States – Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala – as well as in Gujarat. On the other hand, except Jammu and Kashmir, the share of such students was higher than the national average in all the other northern States in both years.

Chart 3 shows the percentage of Class VIII children who were able to read Standard II-level text in 2022 and the change in percentage points from 2018. The States above the zero mark saw an increase in the share of such children. At least one State from the northern, eastern, central and north-eastern regions are part of this group. The States below the zero mark saw a decrease – all the southern and western States are part of this group. This shows that the pandemic had a disproportionately higher adverse impact on the reading abilities of children in the southern and western States.

Moreover, the decline in reading abilities was sharper in the southern and western States. In Gujarat, the share of students who could read Standard II-level text declined by 20.9% points in 2022 compared to 2018. In Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, it declined by more than 10% points. In all the other States where the share decreased, the decline was within 10% points, except Sikkim.

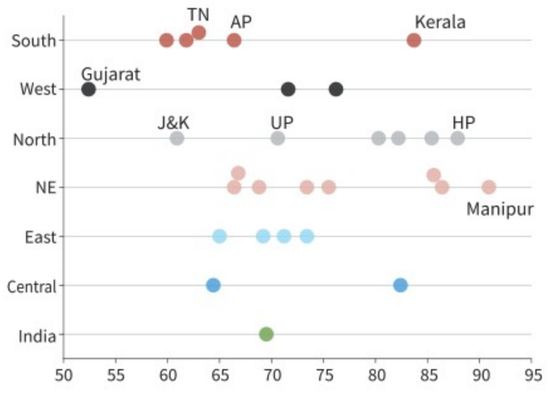
Chart 4 shows the change in the share of Class VIII children who were able to read Standard II-level text in 2022 compared to 2018 (vertical axis). It also shows the change in the share of Class VIII children who were able to solve division problems in 2022 compared to 2018 (horizontal axis). In Gujarat, math skills dipped by 3.8% points, compared to the 20.9% point dip in reading abilities. In all the western and southern States, except Maharashtra, the decline in reading abilities was more than that in math skills. In fact, in Andhra, while the share of students who could perform division increased, the share of those who could read text decreased.

With inputs from Gautam Doshi

The writing is on the wall

The charts are based on data collated from the Annual Status of Education Report (Rural), based on a survey conducted between September and November 2022

Chart 1 | The % of Class VIII students who could read Standard II-level text in **2022**. (NE: Northeast)



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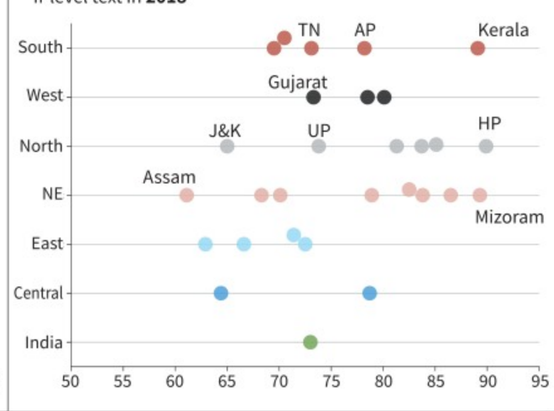

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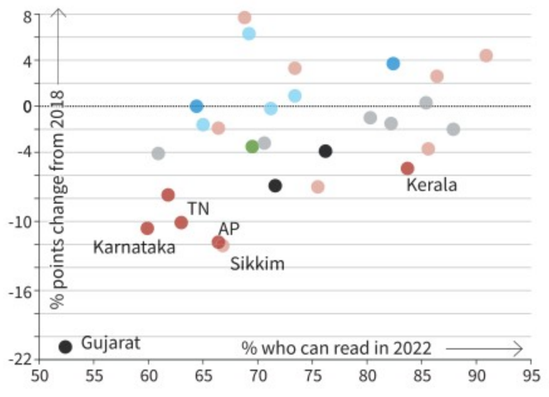

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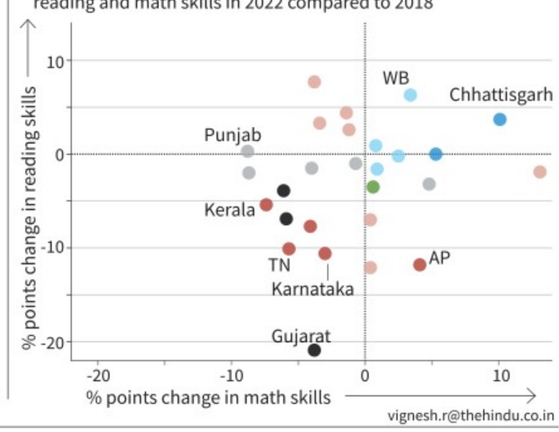

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1, 1973

Display of TV set made in Tamil Nadu

Madras, Jan, 31: The first television receiver set, manufactured in Tamil Nadu, was displayed to an audience at a function at the Gymkhana Club yesterday. The set had been produced by BLRS, Madurai, one of the three units in the small-scale sector in Tamil Nadu licensed to manufacture TV sets. The other two units - Krish Electronics and Hi-Beam Electronics of Madras- together with the Madurai unit had formed a consortium under the name, Tristar Electronics, to pool their resources and reap the advantages of bulk purchase and common marketing. Mr. Ramanathan Krishnan, tennis player, Mr. A.N. Srinivasa Rao, a small-scale industrialist and Mr. S. Balu of Madurai, representing the three units, told pressmen that each unit had a capacity of 2,500 sets a year, all to be marketed under the brand name 'Krish TV'. Their total capacity would soon go upto 15,000. The consortium members have individual agreements with the Standard Electronic Research Laboratories (SERL), Bombay, for technical know-how for the manufacture of TV receivers on the basis of the present license. Mr. H.S. Bhatty, Managing Director of SERL, was introduced to pressmen by Mr. M.S. Parthasarathi, President of the Federation of Small Industries in India.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1, 1923

Indians in Kenya

London, Jan 31: In the course of a leading article the "Times" upholds the right of white settlers in Kenya to insist on the maintenance of order safeguarding their own future and also the future of the colony. It states that there is no desire on the part of the people of the Empire to shirk the implied consequences of the resolution of the Imperial Conference on the subject but it is time that Indians ceased to regard the settlement of Indian subjects within the Empire as a legitimate grievance. The paper declares that the implication is not necessarily one of inferiority but of difference. Concluding, the "Times" says that a satisfactory settlement would seem to imply the granting of Indians adequate representation in the dimension of affairs without holding out the prospect that the future of East Africa will fall under their control.

From Page One

Economy to grow 6.5% in 2023-24, says Survey

Monetary and fiscal authorities will need to stay proactive and vigilant on inflation as well as the worsening current account deficit front, the Survey noted, flagging multiple risks for the latter, including slowing exports, a rising import bill due to strong domestic demand and commodity prices still being above pre-conflict levels, referring to the Russia-Ukraine war.

"Should the current account deficit widen further, the currency may come under depreciation pressure," it said. Entrenched inflation may prolong the monetary tightening cycle and keep borrowing costs "higher for longer", the Survey admitted, but even a low global growth scenario will present two silver linings for India – low oil prices and a better current account deficit situation. "Noting that 'successive shocks' over recent years, such as the ILFS collapse, the COVID-19 pandemic and the supply chain shocks in 2022, have led to a lag in the growth effects of sweeping reforms across multiple dimensions carried out between 2014 and 2022," the CEA said.

He compared this to the lag effects seen on growth post-2003, from reforms carried out by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led government between 1998 and 2002.

Stressing that India is prepared to "grow at its potential once the one-off shocks recede'", the Survey said that the financial cycle was poised to turn upward after a long period of balance sheet repair in the financial and corporate sector.

Over the medium term, the Survey suggests that the growth rate could be around 6.5%, with a potential to go up to 7% and 8%, subject to macroeconomic stabilisation, restoring fiscal consolidation and continuing the thrust on infrastructure building as well as reforms such as encouraging women's employment and dismantling what Mr. Nageswaran termed 'LIC (License, Inspection and Compliance)' regimes across Central, State and local government levels.

"...Even without export growth kicking in, we can strive for and be able to achieve 8% growth, if on top of the reforms already done, several other additional dimensions are addressed as well. But the reason we shouldn't be looking at 8% or 9% growth at this point is the difference from the first decade of the millennium, when the global economy was booming. Now it is not, in spite of the aggressive unconventional monetary easing in the developed world," the CEA pointed out.

To a query on whether the reforms and "successive shocks" to the economy referred to by the Survey, included the impact of demonetisation on the informal sector in November 2016, he said there were academic studies that showed that the impact of the note ban, if any, was 'fleeting'.

₹1.56 lakh cr. GST mop-up in January

Between April 2022 and January 2023, GST revenues are 24% higher than a year ago, with goods imports yielding 29% more GST revenue and domestic transactions (including import of services) rising 22%. "This is for the third time in the current financial year, GST collection has crossed the ₹1.50 lakh crore mark," the Finance Ministry said, adding that e-way bills generated during December 2022, to which January's revenues pertain, hit a record 8.3 crore.

The Ministry said the higher numbers were due to "various policy changes introduced during the course of the year to improve compliance", noting that the number of people filing GST returns has improved significantly over the years.

"In the quarter October-December 2022, total 2.42 crore GST returns were filed till end of next month as compared to 2.19 crore in the same quarter in the last year," it said.

Gross GST revenues collected in January till 5 p.m. on Tuesday stood at ₹1,55,922 crore, of which Central GST (CGST) accounted for ₹28,963 crore, State GST (SGST) for ₹36,730 crore, and Integrated GST of ₹79,599 crore (including ₹37,118 crore collected on import of goods). GST Compensation Cess yielded ₹10,630 crore, including ₹768 crore on import of goods.

"The Government has settled ₹38,507 crore to CGST and ₹32,624 crore to SGST from the Integrated GST as regular settlement. The total revenue of Centre and the States in January after regular settlement is ₹67,470 crore for CGST and ₹69,354 crore for the SGST," the Ministry said.

14 killed in fire at building in Jharkhand

The deceased are 10 women, three children and a man who had gathered to attend a wedding. Dhanbad Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Singh said the rescue operation was going on.

An eyewitness, Poonam Devi, told pressperson, "We had come to the marriage ceremony of one of our relatives and suddenly there was commotion that fire has broken out in the building. When we tried to go outside, there was smoke all around but someone dragged us out and we were rescued". She had come from Patna to attend the wedding of a relative.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren expressed grief over the incident. "The loss of lives in the fire is deeply saddening. All efforts are being taken to provide immediate medical support to those injured," he said in a tweet.

Several State BJP leaders too expressed their grief over the incident.

Be secular, SC on plea on party names with overtones of faith

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it will consider sending the petition to a Constitution Bench

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it would consider sending to a Constitution Bench a petition seeking the cancellation of names and symbols of political parties which have religious connotations.

The court cautioned the petitioner, a former Uttar Pradesh Shia Waqf Board chairman who converted to Hinduism, to be "secular" and not target a particular minority community. "Do not select a particular religion," Justice M.R. Shah addressed senior advocate Gaurav Bhatia, who was appearing for the petitioner.

Questions about the "secularity" of the petition filed by Wasim Ahmed Rizvi cropped up during the court hearing after the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) and the Asaduddin Owaisi-led All India Majilis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) objected that he had only listed their names in his petition as parties with religious connotations.

Appearing before a Bench, senior advocate Dushyant Dave and advocate Haris Beeran, for the IUML, asked why parties such as the Shiv Sena, the Hindu Jagran Manch and the Shiromani Akali Dal were not named in the petition. "Don't go against a particular community... You (petitioner) are highlighting only the Muslim parties," Mr. Dave said.

The Election Commission (EC), in an earlier affidavit, did not agree with the plea to cancel the symbol allotted to political parties with religious connotations. It said such a move would be "legally untenable".

Don't take up Data Bill till House debates it: Centre

Supreme Court says it would examine if it should wait for Parliament's decision or hear pleas; new online Data Protection Bill is scheduled to be introduced in the second half of the Budget Session

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it would examine whether it should wait for Parliament's decision on a new online Data Protection Bill scheduled to be introduced in the second half of the Budget Session or go ahead and hear a bunch of petitions challenging WhatsApp's policy to share users' data with Facebook group of companies.

Appearing before a Constitution Bench led by Justice K.M. Joseph, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said the court should not allow any discussion on the Bill until Parliament first debates it.

Mr. Mehta said the Bill presented a "comprehensive legal framework for digital data protection in India". He said the government "intended" to introduce the Bill in Parliament in the second half from February 13. He argued that any assistance given to the court now before the Bill matured into an Act in Parliament would be "speculative" and "academic".

> The Bill presents a comprehensive legal framework for digital data protection in India ... any action now will be speculative, academic
>
> **TUSHAR MEHTA**
> Solicitor-General

"But your submissions only suggest an anticipated collision... The Bill is yet to be introduced in Parliament," Justice Aniruddha Bose observed orally.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for WhatsApp, said a nine-judge Bench of the Supreme Court in the *K.S. Puttaswamy* verdict has said it would be better for the court to deal with a problem after Parliament formulated the law especially when non-state actors were involved.

Mr. Mehta asked whether it would be justified in the court "pre-empting" parliamentary debates on the Bill.

"Are you saying that we cannot even look at the Bill? It becomes the property of Parliament only after it is introduced there," Justice Bose said.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for the petitioners, submitted that the introduction of a Bill itself should not defer the taking up of this case. He said the petitions seek the direction that personal data cannot be shared with the Facebook group of companies.

"We seek a declaration to that effect. We want an opt-out option and there should be a meaningful option. That option is not available to Indian users. There is a public interest element to this," Mr. Divan said.

The apex court was hearing the plea filed by two students, Karmanya Singh Sareen and Shreya Sethi, challenging the contract entered into between the two companies to provide access to calls, photographs, texts, videos and documents shared by users as a violation of their privacy and free speech.

Collegium recommends two more new judges for Supreme Court

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The five-member Supreme Court Collegium, led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, on Tuesday recommended to the government the names of Rajesh Bindal and Aravind Kumar, Chief Justices of the Allahabad and Gujarat High Courts, respectively, for appointment as judges in the top court.

Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justice Aravind Kumar

The court has seven vacancies now. It has a sanctioned judicial strength of 34. The collegium's December 13 recommendation on Justices Pankaj Mithal, Sanjay Karol, P.V. Sanjay Kumar and Ahsanuddin Amanullah is still pending with the government.

"Where are the judges... let us wait for some more judges," Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud was heard telling a lawyer who had sought an early hearing of his case during the mentioning hour on Tuesday.

In its four-page resolution, the collegium has given no room for the government to tinker with seniority among the seven judges by bifurcating their names or by appointing one over the other.

December resolution

"The names recommended earlier by the collegium by its resolution dated December 13, 2022 shall have precedence over the two names [Justices Bindal and Kumar] recommended presently for appointment to the Supreme Court. Therefore, the appointments of five judges recommended on December 13, 2022 should be notified separately and earlier in point of time before the two judges recommended by this resolution," the five-member collegium said categorically.

While the resolution of the collegium with regard to the appointment of Justice Bindal was "unanimous", Justice Joseph was of the opinion that Justice Aravind Kumar could be considered at a later stage.

On the choice of Justice Bindal, the collegium reasoned that he was number two in the all-India seniority of High Court judges and was the senior-most judge from the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

"While recommending his name, the collegium has taken into consideration the fact that the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which is one of the largest High Courts with a sanctioned strength of 85 judges, is not adequately represented on the Bench of the Supreme Court. The High Court of Punjab and Haryana is a common High Court for two States," the collegium noted.

EPFO circular soon on procedures for using higher pension option

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NEW DELHI

SC had given four months' time to eligible employees to submit options for higher pension

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is likely to publish a circular soon on the procedures for exercising option for higher pension as part of implementing the November 4 order of the Supreme Court on the matter.

The EPFO's website will also have a window for its members to upload the joint option with employers. Considering a recent verdict of the Madras High Court, the subscribers can also submit the joint options offline too.

Sources in the EPFO told *The Hindu* that existing employees who are members of the Employees' Pension Scheme and those who retired after September 1, 2014 can give options using this window and at respective EPFO offices. The court had given four months' time to eligible employees to submit options for higher pension based on salaries above the threshold limit of ₹15,000.

Pensioners' organisations had alleged that the EPFO's decision to recover higher pension from those employees who had retired before September 1, 2014 and not submitted joint option under paragraph 11(3) of the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) will impact thousands of pensioners.

Countering this, an official said only a verification process will make it clear about the number of pensioners who would be affected by the decision.

The EPFO may also modify the EPS based on the number of new employees for higher pension. The circular will have directions for currently working EPS subscribers to opt for higher pension, but by paying the premium from back period.

DMK, CPI(M) demand withdrawal of circulars on higher pension

T. Ramakrishnan
CHENNAI

The DMK and the CPI(M) have demanded the withdrawal of two circulars issued by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in late December and January on the issue of payments of higher pensions.

M. Shanmugam, DMK MP and general secretary of the Labour Progressive Federation (LPF), told *The Hindu* that the circulars had only "created confusion" among workers as they were "drafted in haste" and did not provide any details regarding benefits that a pensioner would get. "They have also not made it clear whether one will get a higher pension or not," he said.

Contending that the circulars had reflected an "antagonistic attitude" of the PF authorities towards labour welfare, Mr. Shanmugam, also the secretary of the PF Employees' Union in Chennai, argued that the talk of recovery, as mentioned in the second circular, appeared to send out a message to pensioners that the authorities were "out to penalise them" for having approached the courts.

He urged the Centre to call all trade unions for a discussion on the matter before framing any scheme for the implementation of the judgement.

In a letter written a few days ago to Union Minister for Labour Bhupender Yadav, CPI(M) MP John Brittas confined himself to the second circular of the EPFO which, he held, was "formulated on fallacious grounds and distorted interpretation" of the order.

The position, as spelt out in the order, was that the court had neither commanded stoppage of the payment of higher pensions to the pre-2014 retirees nor had it permitted recovery. The move to reopen cases of the already-sanctioned higher pension "would obviously result in the defiance of the laws of limitation," he said.

INBRIEF

SC reserves orders on Ayyub's plea in money laundering case

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved orders in a petition filed by journalist Rana Ayyub challenging the summons of a Uttar Pradesh court in a money laundering case. Appearing before a Bench, advocate Vrinda Grover, for Ms. Ayyub, argued that the summons was an "abuse of the process of law" as the Ghaziabad court had "absolutely no jurisdiction" in the case. The funds were allegedly collected through an online crowd-funding platform and transferred to a bank account in Navi Mumbai. The Ghaziabad Police had registered the case in September 2021 with respect to the money raised through Ketto.

NIA files chargesheet against man who raised funds for IS

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against an alleged Islamic State operative, Mohammad Mohsin Ahmad, who raised funds for the terror outfit and sent them to his handlers in Syria in the form of cryptocurrency. The agency had *suo motu* registered the case on June 25 last year to probe the conspiracy by the Islamic State and its members to propagate the outfit's ideology and collect funds from sympathisers in India. On August 6, 2022, the NIA had conducted searches on the premises linked to Ahmad in Delhi and Bihar. He was arrested during the operation.

SC to hear in March pleas on electoral bond scheme

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it would start hearing from the third week of March petitions challenging the constitutionality of the electoral bonds scheme. A Bench separated the challenge to the scheme from other petitions seeking a direction to bring political parties within the ambit of the Right to Information Act and those questioning the legality of amendments in the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). The court said it would fix the other petitions in April.

APPEAL

Aaric Ravish, is 1 year suffering from Gaucher Disease. His family is extremely poor and cannot afford the huge expenditure of **Rs. 16,00,000/-** to undergo Allogenuic Bone Marrow Transplantation at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. He needs your blessings and support. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged**. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & Google Pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No. 60182010063310, IFSC No. CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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Congress questions growth claims in Survey

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday reacted to the Economic Survey for 2023 and asserted that "bluster and lofty" words would not make an "unwell economy well".

In a statement, Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh questioned even the revised growth claims for 2023-24 by citing the gap between estimates and the actual growth figures of the past.

Mr. Vallabh said that the Economic Survey of 2022 predicted a GDP growth rate of 8-8.5% for year 2022-23. But the actual figure was around 7%.

With the Survey predicting a growth rate between 6% and 6.8%, the actual growth rate could be 5.44%, he said. "So, 6.1% GDP growth is the new normal. At this growth, we will achieve GDP of $5 Trillion by 2029," Mr. Vallabh said.

In a series of tweets, Randeep Singh Surjewala said the four drivers of the economy – consumption, exports, manufacturing and private investment – remain largely unaddressed in the Survey.

Decisive government working with lofty ambitions: President

Murmu touches upon multiple government schemes, says the programmes were conceived taking all sections of society together; she lauds various steps by the government such as the dilution of Article 370 to crackdown on terrorism

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu said here on Tuesday that the "biggest change" in the nine years since a government led by Narendra Modi assumed office at the Centre in 2014 was that "every Indian's confidence is at its peak and the world's outlook towards India has changed".

In her maiden address to the joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament, Ms. Murmu said "India has a government which is stable, fearless, decisive and working with lofty ambitions", a "government which respects the honest", and works with speed and scale.

"Through this session, I express my gratitude to the people of the country for electing a stable government for two consecutive terms. My decisive government has always kept the country's interest paramount and shown the willpower to completely transform the policies and strategies when required. From surgical strike to a firm crackdown on terrorism, from a befitting response to every misadventure from LoC to LAC, from abrogation of Article 370 to triple talaq, my government has been recognised as a decisive government," she said.

Ms. Murmu went into the details of government programmes, saying they were conceived by taking all sections of society together. From the government's flagship *Har Ghar Jal* (tap water connections to all households) to the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (income support programme for farmers) to India assuming the G-20 Presidency this year, President Murmu spoke in detail on all.

Cutting a path: President Droupadi Murmu, with Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, arrives in Parliament on Tuesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"My government has chosen the path of consolidating heritage and giving priority to development. On one side, Ayodhya Dham is being developed and on the other side, a modern Parliament is being constructed. While the redevelopment of Kedarnath Dham and the development of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham corridor and Mahakal Project are completed, simultaneously medical colleges are being made in every district," President Murmu said.

A significant part of her speech was dedicated to government policies related to women's empowerment. Quoting Kuntala Kumari Sabat, an Odia poet, President Murmu said that in *Utkal Bharti*, the poet declared about 100 years ago that the woman of the country was not inferior to anybody.

"Women's empowerment has been at the core of all schemes introduced by my government. Today, we are seeing the success of *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao*," she said.

The Bharata Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) boycotted the address, though Congress parliamentary leader Sonia Gandhi was in attendance. BRS leader Keshava Rao said the boycott was to "bring attention" to a "democratic protest" against the "failures of the Narendra Modi government".

World is looking at India's Budget with hope, asserts Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

PM says 'credible voices' from 'the world of economy' had brought positive thoughts ahead of the session

Flagging the unstable global economic outlook on the eve of the presentation of the Union Budget, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that India's Budget would attempt to meet the hopes and aspirations of the common citizens, adding that the whole world was looking at it with hope.

Mr. Modi was making his customary remarks at the beginning of the parliamentary session on Tuesday, which kicked off with President Droupadi Murmu's Address to the joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament.

"Amid the unstable global economic situation, India's Budget will not only attempt to meet the hopes and aspirations of the common citizens, but the ray of hope being seen by the world will also glow brighter – for this, I firmly believe that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will make all efforts to meet those aspirations," the Prime Minister told presspersons.

He cited "credible voices" from "the world of economy", and said that these had brought positive thoughts ahead of the session. He was perhaps referring to a tweet by Gita Gopinath, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund, on Tuesday morning, with data showing that India would remain the world's fastest growing large economy in 2023 and 2024.

'Matter of pride'

He said that President Murmu's maiden address to the joint sitting was a matter of pride with respect to the Constitution and for women's empowerment that a daughter of India's tribal community was taking her place at the top.

Another strike with regard to women's empowerment was that Ms. Sitharaman would be presenting the Budget again on Wednesday, he said.

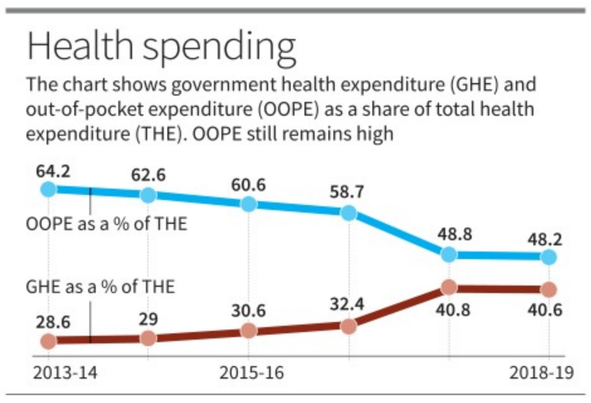
'Out-of-pocket health spending still high, despite govt. chipping in'

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Almost half of all health spending in India is still paid by patients themselves directly at the point of treatment, though out-of-pocket expenditure has dropped as the government's share of spending on health went up significantly after 2013-14, the Economic Survey 2022-23 says.

The share of government in the total health expenditure was just 28.6% in the financial year 2013-14, but rose to 40.6% by 2018-19, the latest year for which data are available. There was a concomitant decline in out-of-pocket expenditure from 64.2% in 2013-14 to 48.2% in 2018-19.

Out-of-pocket expenditure is the money paid by households at the point of receiving health care. This occurs when services are neither provided free of cost through a government health facility, nor is the individual covered under any public or private insurance or social protection scheme.



Govt. hikes spending

For 2018-19, India's total health expenditure was estimated at ₹5,96,440 crore, which is 3.2% of the GDP and ₹4,470 per capita. This includes current and capital expenditures incurred by the government and private sources, including external funds. Government health expenditure for that year amounted to 40.6% of the total, while out-of-pocket expenditure remained marginally higher at 48.2%. In States such as Uttar Pradesh, the out-of-pocket estimates were as high as 71.3%.

It has been recommended several times that government's health expenditure be raised from the existing 1.2% to 2.5% of the GDP by 2025. The Survey states that Central and State governments' budgeted expenditure on the health sector reached 2.1% of the GDP in the Budget estimates for 2022-23 and 2.2% in the revised estimates for 2021-22, an increase from 1.6% in 2020-21.

Falling short

Under the Health Ministry's largest cashless health insurance scheme – the Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojana – approximately 21.9 crore beneficiaries have been verified, including 3 crore beneficiaries verified using State IT systems. This is less than 50% of the targeted approximately 50 crore beneficiaries under the scheme. "As of January 4, approximately 4.3 crore hospital admissions, amounting to ₹50,409 crore, have also been authorised under the scheme through a network of over 26,055 hospitals," the Survey added.

Shipbuilding industry can bolster 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', says Survey

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With an employment multiplier of 6.48, shipbuilding can generate jobs in remote, coastal and rural areas

Identifying the shipbuilding industry as a strategically important industry for its role in energy security, national defence, and the development of the heavy engineering industry, the Economic Survey, 2022-23 noted that it has the potential to increase the contribution of the industry and the services sector to the national GDP.

With its various direct and indirect linkages with most other leading industries, and its huge dependence on the infrastructure and services sectors of the economy, the shipbuilding industry has the potential to strengthen the mission of an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the survey said.

"Based on international shipbuilding statistics, if one takes a conservative Marginal Consumption to GDP Ratio (MCGR) of 0.45 for the shipbuilding sector, the investment multiplier would be approximately 1.82. For example, an injection of approximately ₹1.5 lakh crore in naval shipbuilding projects would accrue a circulation of ₹2.73 lakh crore in the shipbuilding sector due to the multiplier effect," the survey said.

In this regard, the survey said that among manufacturing activities, shipbuilding has one of the highest employment multipliers of 6.48 and is capable of generating mass employment in remote, coastal and rural areas, thereby absorbing the labour migrating from agricultural pursuits.

"The indigenisation initiatives implemented by the Indian Navy have resulted in a significant infusion of economic activity by creating employment opportunities for Micro, Medium and Small Enterprises (MSME) and other industries," the survey said.

For instance, the recently commissioned aircraft carrier *INS Vikrant* alone engaged approximately 500 MSMEs, 12,000 employees from ancillary industries, and 2,000 shipyard employees, it noted.

Further, the survey said that a study undertaken by the Indian Navy for the construction of seven P-17A frigates reveals that around three-fourths of the total project cost of warships is invested back into the Indian economy. This investment is ploughed back into the economy through indigenous sourcing of raw materials, development of equipment and systems installed onboard ships and other manpower services, it stated.

Stating that the Navy's shipbuilding projects currently in progress at various Indian shipyards are poised to provide the requisite impetus to the industry, the survey noted that, as of date, more than 130 warships have been constructed at Indian shipyards, and currently, 41 of 43 ships and submarines are being constructed at various public and private sector shipyards in India.

The report also pointed to shipbuilding's links to other ancillary industries, including steel, engineering equipment, port infrastructure, trade and shipping services, which have the potential to create a collaborative production ecosystem.

'India needs access to global finance to achieve climate obligations on emissions'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

For India to meet its international "obligations" on curtailing greenhouse gas emissions, it must have access to "on-time" climate finance, technology, and access to critical minerals. Advanced economies ought to set examples of policy and "behavioural changes" that work in their countries and only then could they be emulated in developing countries, the Economic Survey said on Tuesday in a dedicated chapter on climate change.

"Even if India has so far undertaken climate actions on its own, the heightened expectations of further large-scale climate measures have to be equated with the enhanced initiatives by developed countries in terms of providing means of implementation, including finance, technology transfer, and capacity-building support," the report noted. "More importantly, the global climate agenda will advance if advanced countries can set examples of policy and behavioural changes that work in their backyard...Then, it might be realistic to expect such policies and behavioural expectations of households to succeed in developing countries with suitable adaptation."

Advanced economies should set examples of policy and behavioural changes to be implemented in developing countries

The perspective aligns with India's policies on addressing climate change, namely, climate justice and Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), a campaign led by the Prime Minister and now adopted across government.

Climate justice says that few rich countries are largely responsible for the cumulative carbon emissions in the atmosphere and therefore must proportionately spend much more to subsidise energy projects in developing countries.

"Despite the adverse impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, India has enhanced its climate ambition manifold and embarked on a long-term strategy towards a Low GHG (greenhouse gas) Emission Development Strategy by adopting a multi-pronged approach," the report notes.

Share of education in budgetary allocations has fallen over the past seven years: Survey

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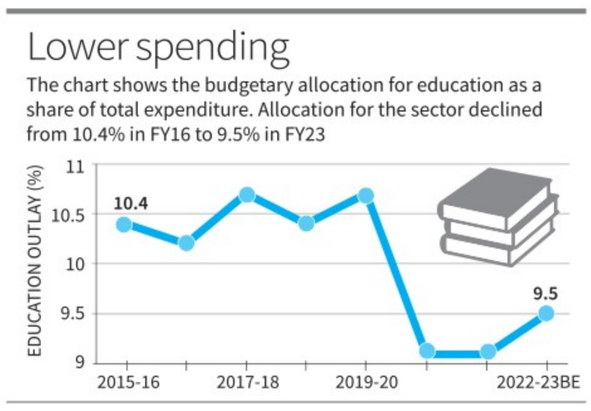
NEW DELHI

The budgetary allocation for education as a percentage of total expenditure has dropped over the past seven years, from 10.4% to 9.5%, the Economic Survey, 2022-23 says.

While the expenditure on social services increased from ₹9,15,500 crore to ₹21,32,059 crore, the share of education within this umbrella category shrank from 42.8% to 35.5% between the financial years 2015-16 and 2022-23, according to budgetary documents.

Part of this could be attributed to the faster growth in spending on health and other measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The share of education in total expenditure declined from 10.7% in 2019-20 to 9.1% in the first COVID year and remained stagnant in the following year, before being raised to 9.5% in the budgetary estimates for 2022-23. As a share of the GDP, the budgetary allocation for education saw a minimal gain of 0.1 percentage points, from 2.8% to 2.9% during the seven-year period.



Dropouts increase

Though school dropout rates have improved since 2013-14, there has been some reversal of gains since COVID-19, especially in the younger classes.

In 2019-20, the total dropout rate in primary school was 1.5%, which fell to 0.8% in 2020-21, but rose back to 1.5% in 2021-22.

However, this is significantly better than the 4.7% dropout rate in 2013-14. In upper primary classes, the dropout rate fell from 2.6% in 2019-2020 to 2.3% the following year, but rose to 3% in 2021-2022, only marginally lower than the 3.1% level seen in 2013-2014. In the secondary classes, however, the situation has steadily improved, with the dropout rate falling from 16.1% in 2019-20 to 14% the following year and 12.6% last year.

Between 2013-14 and 2021-22, the total number of schools declined from 15.2 lakh to 14.9 lakh, with primary and upper primary schools seeing a reduction of one lakh schools to 11.9 lakh, though the number of secondary and senior secondary schools rose by 60,000 to a total of 2.3 lakh.

Higher education

As far as higher education is concerned, the number of medical colleges in the country increased from 387 in 2014 to 648 in 2022, and the number of MBBS seats have increased from 51,348 to 96,077.

The number of Indian Institutes of Technology rose from 16 to 23 between 2014 and 2022 and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) from 13 to 20.

The strength of Indian Institutes of Information Technology was 25 in 2022 against nine in 2014. In 2014, there were 723 Universities in the country, and the number has increased to 1,113.

The total enrolment in higher education has increased to nearly 4.1 crore in financial year 2020-21 from 3.9 crore in 2019-20. Since 2014-15, there has been an increase of around 72 lakh or 21% in enrolment, while distance education has also grown at a similar rate of 20%. In 2021-22, distance education saw a 7% growth over the previous year, with 45.7 lakh enrolling.

INBRIEF

Asaram Bapu gets life imprisonment in rape case

A Gandhinagar sessions court on Tuesday sentenced self-styled godman Asaram Bapu to life imprisonment in connection with a 2013 rape case filed by a victim who stayed at his ashram in Gujarat. The court has also imposed a fine of ₹50,000 on him. During the hearing on the quantum of the sentence, the prosecution submitted that Asaram Bapu was a "habitual offender", and sought life imprisonment for him along with a heavy fine. It may be recalled that the victim's younger sister was raped and illegally confined by Asaram's son Narayan Sai. Sai was sentenced to life imprisonment in April 2019 in the rape case filed against him by his former disciple in 2013.

'Any attempt to saffronise Visva-Bharati will be resisted'

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said she would resist any attempt at saffronisation of Visva-Bharati University. The Chief Minister held meetings with a section of teachers, students and officials of the university at Santiniketan during the day. "I do not want to interfere in the affairs of Visva-Bharati but if someone wants to bulldoze the students, teachers and employees for attempts of saffronisation, I will resist even if I am the only person doing so," Ms. Banerjee said. The Chief Minister also accused the university administration of suspending teachers and harassing students.

Jharsuguda SP shifted over Odisha Minister's murder

The Odisha government on Tuesday shifted the Superintendent of Police (SP) of Jharsuguda district after an assistant sub-inspector of police murdered Health and Family Welfare Minister Naba Kisore Das. Rahul Jain, SP, and his deputy, Gupteswar Bhoi, Subdivisional Police Officer, were transferred to the State Police Headquarters. Meanwhile, the Crime Branch, which is probing the case, said, "Examination of the spot and witnesses is continuing. Another team is camping at the native village of accused ASI Gopal Krushna Das. The examination of his family members and villagers is under way."

Poster over Ramcharitmanas row at SP headquarters

Amid the controversy in Uttar Pradesh over comments on the *Ramcharitmanas*, a huge poster came up outside the Samajwadi Party (SP) State headquarters on Tuesday with slogan "*Garv se kaho hum Shudra hain*" (say with pride we are untouchables). The poster was installed by Uttam Prakash Singh Patel, who claims to be the general secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Kurmi Mahasabha in Mumbai. It was put up after the SP president Akhilesh Yadav said that BJP leaders consider him to be a Shudra. "BJP people consider Dalits as Shudra. They consider us backwards (Other Backward Classes or OBC) and Dalits as Shudra (untouchable)," Mr. Yadav had said.

Doval, Sullivan hold tech talks in U.S.; Jaishankar meets Nuland in Delhi

At talks in Delhi and Washington, Indian and U.S. officials set the stage for three Modi-Biden meetings this year, at the G-7 and Quad meets this summer, followed by the September G-20 summit in India; NSA attends USIBC event in Washington

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval met with his U.S. counterpart, Jake Sullivan, and other senior officials in Washington on Tuesday during the inaugural Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) dialogue, which was announced last year.

The iCET, launched during the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joseph Biden at the Quad meeting in Tokyo last May, is being run by the National Security Councils of the two countries.

The meetings in Washington coincided with the visit of U.S. Undersecretary of State Victoria Nuland to Delhi on Tuesday, where she met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and

Growing together: NSA Ajit Doval attending the first iCET meeting in Washington on Tuesday. ANI

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra in interactions that will set the stage for visits by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken in March followed by Mr. Biden in September, both for G-20 events.

Focus on South Asia

"Good talk on the Indian Subcontinent, the Indo-Pacific and the many convergences in our relationship," Mr. Jaishankar tweeted.

After foreign office consultations with Mr. Kwatra, Ms. Nuland said the talks had focused on "deepening the U.S.-India strategic relationship in 2023", adding that the U.S. looked forward to collaborating on global challenges, including at the G-20. Ms. Nuland flew to Delhi from Kathmandu where she met Nepal Prime Minister Prachanda and his Cabinet members.

In a statement issued after the meeting, the External Affairs Ministry said that both sides had focussed on regional developments in "South Asia, Indian Ocean Region and the Indo-Pacific".

They "took stock of a number of initiatives and frameworks that reflect common strategic interests" including the Quad, I2U2, the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework and the Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness Initiative, and also discussed India's G-20 Presidency this year.

'Help with alternatives'

The Ministry did not respond to queries on whether Ms. Nuland, who has been at the forefront of the U.S. response to Russia over the Ukraine conflict, raised the issue during her meetings.

Ms. Nuland had told U.S. lawmakers at a Senate Foreign Relations briefing ahead of her visit that part of her role was to "help India with alternatives" to the "60 years of entanglement" with Russia, referring to India's military and energy dependence on Russian supplies.

Removing barriers

In Washington, Mr. Doval participated with Mr. Sullivan in a special event hosted by the U.S. India Business Council (USIBC) ahead of the iCET's inaugural meeting on Monday. The iCET is expected to focus on how to remove barriers in technology transfers and co-production in the areas of critical and emerging technologies.

Air India case: Delhi court grants bail to Mishra

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Delhi's Patiala House Court on Tuesday granted bail to Shankar Mishra, who is accused of urinating on an elderly woman on an Air India flight in November 2022.

Additional Sessions Judge Harjyot Singh Bhalla, while granting the bail, maintained that there were contradictions in the statements of the victim and witnesses, and added that as the investigation in the case was already over, the accused was no longer required in custody at least for inquiry purpose.

The judge said the accused could be released on bail after he furnishes a bail bond of ₹1 lakh with one surety of like amount. Commenting on the flight risk of the accused, the judge said he was asked to join the probe at a very short notice and hence it could not be said that he intended to flee.

'SC verdict on adultery will not affect court martial'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench on Tuesday clarified that a Supreme Court judgment of 2018 decriminalising adultery will not affect statutory court martial proceedings against armed forces personnel charged with "unbecoming conduct" and acts committed in violation of "good and discipline".

The five-judge Bench, led by Justice K.M. Joseph, observed in an order that the court, in 2018, had not at all been concerned with the law concerning the armed forces.

Additional Solicitor-General Madhavi Divan, appearing for the government, submitted that the 2018 verdict was being repeatedly cited by parties to stall court martial proceedings and subsequent appeals against dismissal before the armed forces tribunal.

She submitted that provisions regarding conduct of armed forces personnel was gender-neutral, unlike Section 497 (adultery) of the Indian Penal Code, which was struck down.

Shanti Bhushan, former Law Minister and backer of 'Basic Structure', dies

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Former Law Minister and senior advocate Shanti Bhushan passed away on Tuesday. He was 97.

He always stood for truth as a Law Minister in the Morarji Desai Cabinet between 1977 and 1979 and as a senior advocate who fought alongside his son and civil rights lawyer, Prashant Bhushan, for judicial accountability and transparency.

In his memoir, *Courting Destiny*, Mr. Bhushan quotes the cricketing legend Don Bradman to say that one can successfully combine the values of dignity, integrity, courage and modesty with pride, ambition and competitiveness.

The fierce integrity of Mr. Bhushan came to the fore when he stood up to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and successfully got her disbarred for election malpractices – an event which culminated in the Emergency. Mr. Bhushan's argument that "no political leader was above the law, and whenever a top

Shanti Bhushan

leader had to relinquish office, the nation could always find a successor" has outlived those dark years.

Later, he defended the Basic Structure of the Constitution and the inviolability of the Fundamental Rights against the 39th Constitutional Amendment before a Bench led by Chief Justice A.N. Ray, who had superseded three senior judges of the Supreme Court to become top judge. Mr. Bhushan was able to convince the Bench that "every Constitution has some basic features which make it unique and give it an identity".

He later wrote that "if some amendment changed democratic Constitution into a dictatorial one, naming the dictator and giving the dictator power to name a successor, it cannot be perceived as an amended Constitution of India".

Rule of law

In the *habeas corpus* case, when Opposition leaders were detained during the Emergency, he defended the rule of law. His main argument in the case was that the rule of law always protected the liberty of citizens and they could be deprived of their liberties of free speech and right to life only in accordance with law.

As Law Minister, Mr. Bhushan introduced the 44th Constitution Amendment to save the Basic Structure of the Constitution and uphold the power of judicial review of laws curtailed by the controversial 42nd Amendment introduced during the Emergency.

He joined the BJP in 1980 but resigned from the party six years later. He was a founding member of the Aam Aadmi Party.

Participation level of women in workforce concerning: Murmu

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The President said that a need has arisen for the creation of a separate commission

Low workforce participation of women has been a major hindrance in the overall development of the country, President Droupadi Murmu said on Tuesday.

"India is the fifth largest economy in the world and now moving towards becoming a five trillion dollar economy. A more active role of women would be helpful in achieving this goal," she said at the 31st Foundation Day celebration of the National Commission for Women (NCW) here.

The President said that women's empowerment was not just an issue of social justice but also crucial for economic development.

Gender ratio concerns

Expressing concern over the skewed gender ratio in many parts of the country, Ms. Murmu said instances of female foeticide are being reported in well-educated sections of the country.

The President said it was the responsibility of not the government alone but of the whole society to change this situation. While ensuring gender justice, the country had to make its development equitable.

"Our development will be called development in true sense only when the status of women is equal to that of men," Ms. Murmu said.

'Separate commission'

The President said that a need had arisen for the creation of a separate commission for women.

Though "our sisters and daughters are flying in space and giving leadership in the armed forces, on the other hand they are becoming victims of domestic violence and facing discrimination and harassment at workplace".

She stressed that only by improving the status of women, the country would be able to make overall progress.

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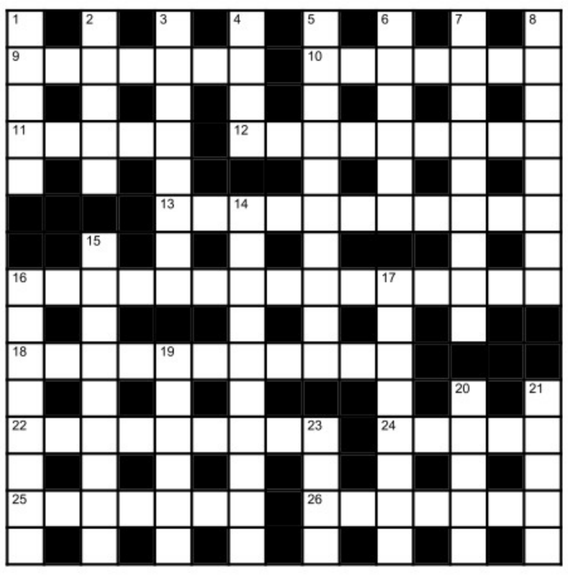

Across

9 A nun makes appeal before final authority for social assistance (7)
10 One sound and solvent (7)
11 Cycling instrument for bones (5)
12 Can't men get arrested by alien law? (9)
13 Blue-eyed boy ordered to respect the academy (8,3)
16 It has an element of warmth in arranging matrimonies here (9,6)
18 Maybe torpedo, it lacks power to carry radium (8,3)
22 Note alien area for shooting (4,5)
24 Dwarf sending provocative message on web (5)
25 It's worth $5 to get bag in the European Republic (7)
26 Voluntarily revealed except source of material (7)

Down

1 Do I boycott agreement? (5)
2 Inhale audibly through nose having initial respiratory problem (5)
3 Wine in short is rejected as ominous (8)
4 Extremely horny picture gets too much publicity (4)
5 He may be another Ram in the long run (10)
6 Goodman involved in mockery? He is a court-fool (6)
7 Doctor in practice initially breaking pledge (9)
8 He has got the will to gyrate mostly with band on retirement (8)
14 Female Lieutenant leaves in distress over fuss with lover (10)
15 Character heads off to campers' land (9)
16 I refuse to entertain petty quarrel with associate (8)
17 African English, extremely gristly and inapt perhaps (8)
19 Dental problem of dirty dogs is rising (6)
20 When you bunk school, what game you play? (5)
21 Bin Laden leaves hotel with weapon (5)
23 Goddess moves bottom to top for birds that cannot fly (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Morals from the Ramayana

Rama and his brothers had revealed different morals through their conduct and behaviour. The meaning of Satrugna is one who has conquered his enemies. Satrugna had never taken part in any battle. But how could he have won? Sri Periyavachan Pillai says, "*Satrugnaha: Nithya Satrugnaha:*", that is he had won his faculties. Only those who don't control their faculties will succumb to lusty desires and anger. By this they develop two types of disease-. One is called Vyadhi – disease to physical body and the other Aadhi – disease or disturbance to mind. Bharatha had revealed three concepts. First he refused to accept the kingdom and established his dharma. Second his devotion to Rama was abound and immeasurable. He had brought the sandals of Rama and worshipped every day. Third he had shunned the royal life in the palace and led a simple life at Nandhigram like a sage. This shows his steadfastness. Lakshmana did not know anything except serving his elder brother and had never transgressed the words of his brother. Lord as Sri Rama had displayed perfectly the role of a son to his father. Rama was not excited when Dasaratha told him about the coronation. He had neither said yes nor no to express his consent.

A wrong choice in choosing our friend will end up in ruins is revealed through Kaikeyi. Though Kaikeyi was good and kind-hearted by nature, she was spoiled by Kooni. Because Kaikeyi told about the two boons that she had got from Dasaratha when she helped him in a war, Kooni prompted and reminded her to ask Dasaratha. This shows that we should not divulge our family secrets to others, said Sri Hariji in a discourse.

DHAKA

IMF approves $4.7-billion support loan package for Bangladesh

REUTERS

The IMF has approved a $4.7-billion support loan package for Bangladesh to help it cope with soaring energy and food costs that have sparked huge protests. Bangladesh and other South Asian countries dependent on fossil fuel imports were hit hard by sharp cost-of-living increases following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. AFP

TOKYO

Japan and NATO pledge 'firm' response to China, Russia threats

AP

Japan and NATO must "remain united and firm" in the face of security threats posed by China, North Korea and Russia's war in Ukraine, Jens Stoltenberg said on Tuesday. Mr. Stoltenberg, secretary-general of NATO, warned that Beijing was keeping a close eye on developments in Ukraine. AFP

OUAGADOUGOU

Suspected jihadists kill 28 persons in Burkina Faso, 15 bodies found

AFP

Twenty-eight people have died in new attacks by suspected jihadists in Burkina Faso, including 15 who had been abducted at the weekend, the authorities said on Tuesday. Fifteen bodies were found on Monday near Linguekoro, a village in the western province of Comoe, regional governor Colonel Jean-Charles Some said. AFP

COLOMBO

Ex-President Sirisena apologises for 2019 Easter Sunday bombings

AP

Former Sri Lanka President Maithripala Sirisena on Tuesday apologised to the country's minority Catholic community for the devastating 2019 Easter Sunday bombings that killed over 270 people, including 11 Indians, saying that the carnage took place without his knowledge. PTI

Mosque blast toll hits 100; Pak. blames 'security lapse'

Explosion blew off part of the structure's roof in Peshawar; officials believe more people are likely to be trapped as over 300 worshippers were praying inside when the explosion took place

Associated Press
PESHAWAR

In ruins: Rescue operation under way in the mosque in Peshawar's fortified Police Line area that was targeted by a suicide bomber on Monday, killing at least 100 worshippers. AP

A suicide bombing that struck inside a mosque at a police and government compound in Peshawar reflects "security lapses", current and former officials said as the death toll from the devastating blast climbed to 100 on Tuesday. The blast, which ripped through a Sunni mosque inside a major police facility in the city, was one of the deadliest attacks on Pakistani security forces in recent years. It left 225 wounded, some still in serious condition in hospital, according to Kashif Aftab Abbasi, a senior officer.

More than 300 worshippers were praying in the mosque, with more approaching, when the bomber set off his explosives vest on Monday morning, officials said.

The explosion blew off part of the roof, and what was left soon caved in, injuring many more, according to Zafar Khan, a police officer. Rescuers had to remove mounds of debris to reach worshippers still trapped under the rubble.

More bodies recovered

More bodies were retrieved overnight and early on Tuesday, according to Mohammad Asim, a government hospital spokesman in Peshawar, and several of those critically injured died. "Most of them were policemen," Mr. Asim said. Bilal Faizi, the chief rescue official, said rescue teams were still working on Tuesday at the site as more people are believed trapped inside. Mourners were burying the victim at different graveyards in the city.

"Yes, it was a security lapse," said Ghulam Ali, the provincial governor in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, of which Peshawar is the capital.

Mr. Abbasi concurred, "There was a security lapse and the inspector-general of the police has set up an inquiry committee, which will look into all aspects of the bombing." "Action will be taken against those whose negligence" caused the attack.

Talat Masood, a retired army general said Monday's suicide bombing showed "negligence."

191 'anti-state' news websites blocked in Bangladesh

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

The Bangladesh government has ordered the closure of 191 websites it accuses of publishing "anti-state news", stoking concerns about media freedom in the South Asian country. Information Minister Hasan Mahmud told Parliament on Monday that the government has instructed the telecoms regulator to close the domains following "reports from intelligence agencies".

He said the sites, which were not named, were "conducting activities that spread confusion among the public". Campaigners and foreign governments including the U.S. have long expressed worries about efforts by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to silence criticism.

Bangladesh's draconian Digital Security Act, under which hundreds of people have been arrested since 2018, has caused alarm. "The government shouldn't try to control the flow of the internet," Faruq Faisel, regional director of media rights watchdog ARTICLE 19 South Asia, said on Tuesday.

Western allies differ over jets for Ukraine as Russia claims gains in the east

Reuters
KYIV

Ukraine is pushing its Western allies to provide it with fighter jets, a week after winning pledges of sophisticated modern tanks to help it beat back Russia's invasion force after almost a year of fighting. However, its western allies remain divided on the providing fighter jets.

Asked at the White House on Monday if the U.S. would provide F-16s, President Joe Biden told reporters: "No."

But France and Poland appear to be willing to entertain any such request from Ukraine, with Emmanuel Macron telling reporters in The Hague on Monday that "by definition, nothing is excluded" when it comes to military assistance.

In remarks carried on French television before Mr. Biden spoke in Washington, Mr. Macron stressed any such move would depend on several factors including the need to avoid escalation and assurances that the aircraft would not "touch Russian soil."

Ukrainian Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov (left) meeting his French counterpart Sebastien Lecornu in Paris on Tuesday. AFP

France has decided to send 12 further Caesar truck-mounted howitzers to Ukraine, Defence Minister Sebastien Lecornu said on Tuesday.

The artillery pieces, adding to 18 already delivered, would be financed from a €200-million fund France set up to fund arms for Kyiv, Mr. Lecornu said in a joint Paris press conference with his Ukranian counterpart Oleksiy Reznikov.

In Poland Monday, Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki did not rule out a possible supply of F-16s to neighbouring Ukraine, in response to a question from a reporter before Biden spoke.

Mr. Morawiecki said in remarks posted on his website that any such transfer would take place "in complete coordination" with NATO countries.

While there was no sign of a broader new Russian offensive, the administrator of Russian-controlled parts of Ukraine's eastern Donetsk province, Denis Pushilin, said Russian troops had secured a foothold in Vuhledar, a coal-mining town whose ruins have been a Ukrainian bastion since the outset of the war.

Mr. Pushilin said that despite "huge losses" Ukrainian forces were consolidating positions in industrial facilities.

China slams Czech President-elect's call with Taiwan leader

Associated Press
BEIJING

China on Tuesday accused Czech President-elect Petr Pavel of challenging its hard line on national sovereignty by affirming ties with self-ruled Taiwan in a phone call with the island's leader.

The call on Monday represents a symbolic breach of China's attempts to cut off the already highly restricted foreign relations of the self-governing democracy, which Beijing claims as its own territory with no right to independent diplomatic recognition.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said Mr. Pavel had acted in "defiance of China's repeated dissuasion and complaints" and "trampled on China's red line."

"China strongly opposes and deplores this and has made solemn complaints with the Czech side," Ms. Mao said at a daily briefing.

Czech Republic PM Petr Fiala said, "The policy of the Czech Republic towards China has not changed and is in line with with the policy of our allies. Czechia respects and represents its own one-China policy."

In the call, President Tsai Ing-wen said the countries "enjoy deep ties and share the values of freedom, democracy, and human rights," the Central News Agency said, quoting spokesperson Lin Yu-chan.

Stir against pension plan a challenge for Macron govt.

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

French protesters launched a new push Tuesday to pressure President Emmanuel Macron into dropping a pension reform plan, with hundreds of thousands taking to the streets and strikes disrupting transport and schools.

Union-led protesters came out for mass demonstrations for the second time in less than two weeks, challenging Macron's plan to raise the age of retirement from 62 to 64, a flagship reform of his second mandate. A police source said the authorities were bracing for up to 1.2 million people to take to the streets across France.

To end in violence in West Bank, Blinken presses for 2-state solution

Reuters
RAMALLAH

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken shuttled from Israel to the Palestinians' West Bank on Tuesday, appealing for an end to resurgent violence and reaffirming Washington's backing for a two-state solution to the decades-long conflict.

Mr. Blinken is urging calm on both sides after last week's killing by a Palestinian gunman of seven people outside a Jerusalem synagogue and anger among Palestinians over actions by Israeli forces and settlers in the occupied West Bank.

"That's the only way that we can create conditions in which people's sense of security will start to improve," he said in Jerusalem. He also warned all parties against any action that could threaten a two-state solution, with an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

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INBRIEF

ISMA revises sugar production estimate to 340 lakh tonnes

Sugar production during the current season is expected to be 340 lakh tonnes after diversion of 45 lakh tonnes for ethanol, according to the second advance estimate by the Indian Sugar Mills' Association. Total production is likely to be 385 lakh tonnes, ISMA said. The area under sugarcane has increased 6%. ISMA had revised the estimate based on satellite images of harvest and balance area, field visits, sugar recoveries achieved till now, and current trends of yields.

Sundaram Home Finance Q3 net profit rises 51% to ₹53 cr.

Sundaram Home Finance Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the quarter ended December rose 51% to ₹53 crore. Disbursements increased to ₹986 crore from ₹652 crore, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Sundaram Finance said in a statement. "The residential real estate sales is on a multi-year high. We continued on the positive growth trajectory in the third quarter driven by disbursements in Tier-2 and 3 towns," said MD Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy.

CUMI Q3 net profit rises 7% to ₹72 cr. on strong performance

Carborundum Universal Ltd.'s (CUMI) standalone net profit for the quarter ended December rose 7% to ₹72 crore compared with the year-earlier period, driven by 'strong' performance. Revenue from operations grew 6% to ₹643 crore, the Murugappa Group firm said in a regulatory filing. Newly acquired entities – Rhodius and AWUKO – accounted for additional sales of ₹145 crore in the topline. The board declared an interim dividend of ₹1.50 per share, to be paid by February 28.

Core sectors grew 7.4% in Dec., fastest pace in 3 months

Coal, electricity, steel, cement witnessed a sharp rise, crude oil only sector to shrink; all 8 sectors that constitute 40.3% of IIP reported a sequential uptick, with overall output rising 9.2% over Nov.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's 8 core sectors' output growth hit a 3-month high of 7.4% in December, from a revised uptick of 5.7% in November, with all sectors save crude oil reporting a rise.

Overall, the eight core sectors have now registered an 8% growth in the first nine months of 2022-23, compared with 12.6% in the same period of 2021-22. Coal, cement, electricity and fertilizers registered double-digit or close to 10% growth through the year, while crude oil output was down 1.3%.

In December 2022, coal production and electricity generation led the way, rising 11.5% and 10%, respectively, followed by steel (9.2%), cement (9.1%) and fertilizers (7.3%). Refinery products grew 3.7% after two months of contraction, while natural gas output also recovered after a five-month shrinkage streak to grow 2.6%.

Crude oil output contracted for the seventh straight month, by 1.2%.

Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Bank of Baroda, attributed this to volatile prices as well as limited investments in new fields.

On a month-on-month basis, however, output at all 8 sectors that constitute 40.3% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) saw an uptick, with overall production rising 9.2%.

Growth meter

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Fiscal deficit touches 59.8% of FY23 target

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government's fiscal deficit as of end-December touched 59.8% of the full-year Budget Estimate (BE) on subdued growth in revenue collections, according to Finance Ministry data released on Tuesday.

In actual terms, the fiscal deficit – the difference between expenditure and revenue – was ₹9,92,976 crore during the April-December period of 2022-23.

In the corresponding period last year, the deficit stood at 50.4% of the BE of 2021-22.

The Centre had budgeted fiscal deficit at ₹16.61 lakh crore, or 6.4% of the GDP, in the current financial year ending March 2023. The deficit is funded by market borrowing.

The Centre's total expenditure during April-December works out to be 71.4% of BE of 2022-23, lower than 72.4% of BE in the year-earlier period.

The Centre's total receipts, including non-tax revenue, stood at ₹18.25 lakh crore, or 79.9% of the current year's BE. In the year-earlier period, the total receipts had touched 89.1% of BE 2021-22.

EV sales to touch 1 cr. units by 2030: Survey

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The sector is expected to create five crore jobs by 2030, the pre-Budget document showed

The domestic electric vehicles (EV) market is expected to touch one crore units in annual sales by 2030 and would create 5 crore jobs, according to the Economic Survey 2022-23.

The Survey tabled in Parliament on Tuesday said that EV market was expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 49% between 2022 and 2030 and is likely to hit one crore units in annual sales by 2030. It highlighted that the auto industry was expected to play a critical role in the transition towards green energy, and that the sector would create five crore direct and indirect jobs by 2030.

On enhanced budget allocation under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of EVs scheme, the document showed the sum was raised to ₹10,000 crore under phase-II (2019-24) from ₹895 crore in phase I (2014-19).

IMF retains India growth outlook at 6.8% and 6.1% for FY22, FY23

Press Trust of India
WASHINGTON

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on January 31 said it is expecting some slowdown in the Indian economy next fiscal year and projected the growth at 6.1%, compared with 6.8% during the current fiscal ending March 31.

The IMF on Tuesday released the January update of its World Economic Outlook, as per which global growth is projected to fall from an estimated 3.4% in 2022 to 2.9% in 2023, and rise to 3.1% in 2024.

"Our growth projections actually for India are unchanged from our October Outlook," Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, chief economist and director, Research Department of the IMF, told reporters.

"We have 6.8% growth for this current fiscal year, which runs until March, and then we're expecting some slowdown to 6.1% in fiscal year 2023. And that is largely driven by external factors," he added.

'Positive view'

"We had a positive view on India in our October forecast. That positive view is largely unchanged," Mr. Gourinchas said in response to a question.

In a blog post he wrote that India remains a bright spot. Together with China, it will account for half of global growth this year, versus just a 10th for the U.S. and euro area combined, he added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,550	0.08
US Dollar	81.88	-0.28
Gold	56,780	-0.18
Brent oil	84.67	-1.86

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2973.90	81.05
Adani Ports	612.65	15.65
Apollo Hosp	4255.90	18.20
Asian Paints	2725.85	-40.35
Axis Bank	871.60	-0.25
Bajaj Auto	3818.25	-22.90
Bajaj Finserv	1342.45	-1.40
Bajaj Finance	5886.40	-135.40
Bharti Airtel	770.30	0.10
BPCL	343.25	8.15
Britannia Ind	4317.60	-89.15
Cipla	1017.95	-16.45
Coal India	224.85	-1.00
Divis Lab	3315.30	-51.10
Dr Reddys Lab	4324.15	-4.65
Eicher Motors	3263.35	71.90
Grasim Ind	1590.20	-8.40
HCL Tech	1122.20	-12.55
HDFC	2622.95	-25.25
HDFC Bank	1603.50	-10.65
HDFC Life	578.85	-9.10
Hero MotoCorp	2763.25	60.95
Hindalco	468.40	-3.95
Hind Unilever	2576.75	8.60
ICICI Bank	831.90	8.40
IndusInd Bank	1082.95	-6.10
Infosys	1533.75	-5.05
ITC	352.35	7.55
JSW Steel	716.45	14.75
Kotak Bank	1731.00	4.75
L&T	2124.40	11.50
M&M	1378.75	47.15
Maruti Suzuki	8895.30	78.30
NestleIndia	19017.75	-148.15
NTPC	171.15	2.30
ONGC	144.90	0.00
PowerGrid Corp	216.65	4.80
Reliance Ind	2353.85	-5.90
SBI Life	1219.55	-13.90
State Bank	553.50	15.30
Sun Pharma	1034.50	-17.20
TataConsumerProduct	729.50	-6.15
Tata Motors	452.10	8.45
Tata Steel	119.70	0.95
TCS	3358.70	-74.95
Tech Mahindra	1015.00	-21.10
Titan	2377.15	41.60
UltraTech Cement	7085.55	197.85
UPL	757.20	12.05
Wipro	398.85	-3.40

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 31

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.72	82.04
Euro	88.46	88.81
British Pound	100.65	101.05
Japanese Yen (100)	62.66	62.91
Chinese Yuan	12.09	12.14
Swiss Franc	88.03	88.38
Singapore Dollar	62.01	62.26
Canadian Dollar	60.73	60.97
Malaysian Ringitt	19.17	19.24
Australian Dollar	57.19	57.43

Source:Indian Bank

Economic Survey terms start-ups 'spine of new India'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Start-ups are being envisioned as the spine of 'new India' as they encouraged youth to become job creators rather than job seekers, according to the Economic Survey 2023.

Capitalising on the digital infrastructure, India has emerged as one of the most vibrant destinations for start-up ecosystems.

FY15 could be considered a turning point for the Indian start-up environment while 2021 marked the completion of five years of the Start-up India scheme. The country now has more than 84,000 recognised start-ups, according to the survey.

'Credit flow to MSMEs rose, aided by ECLGS'

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Credit flow to Micro, Small and Medium-scale Enterprises (MSMEs) has seen a significant rise, assisted in part by the introduction of the Emergency Credit Linked Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), according to the Economic Survey.

Data from the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC) shows that as of November 10, 2022, 1.2 crore MSME units availed the ECLGS scheme and raised collateral-free resources for ₹3.6 lakh crore. A CIBIL report showed 83% of the borrowers were micro-enterprises, and more than half of them had an exposure of less than ₹10 lakh. The NPA rate in banks for MSME borrowers who availed of ECLGS was lower than the category that did not avail of the scheme.

Textile, apparel

As per the Survey, the textile sector, employing 4.5 crore directly, faced challenges in 2022-2023 as exports moderated compared with 2021-2022. However, exports during the first six months rose 9.5% over the pre-pandemic level of 2019-2020.

Wheels India Q3 net slides 29% to ₹15 cr. as exports lag

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Wheels India Ltd., standalone net profit for the quarter ended December contracted by 29% to ₹15 crore from the year-earlier period on account of slowdown in exports.

Revenue from operations dipped to ₹1,003 crore from ₹1,006 crore.

"There has been strong growth of our air suspension orders servicing regular and EV buses, which helped us offset the slowdown in exports," said Srivats Ram, MD.

The board of directors of the company has declared an interim dividend of ₹3 per share. The record date is February 14.

Domestic pharma market to touch $130 bn by 2030: Survey

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

India's domestic pharmaceutical market, estimated at $41 billion in 2021, is likely to touch $130 billion by 2030, as per the Economic Survey 2022-23, tabled in Parliament on Tuesday.

Highlighting the role of the Indian pharmaceuticals industry globally, the Survey showed the country was ranked third worldwide in terms of production of pharma products by volume and 14th by value. It was the largest provider of generic medicines globally, having a 20% share in global supply by volume, besides being a vaccine maker with a market share of 60% globally.

Pharma exports clocked a healthy 24% growth in FY21, on the back of COVID-19-induced demand for critical drugs and other supplies made to more than 150 countries. In FY22, exports remained robust, despite global trade disruptions and a drop in demand for COVID-19-related treatments.

Carrying forward this growth momentum, drug and pharmaceutical exports during April-October 2022 were 22% higher compared with the corresponding pre-pandemic period in FY20.

Foreign investment

Cumulative FDI in the pharma sector crossed the $20 billion-mark by September 2022. Also, FDI inflows surged fourfold over five years until September 2022 to $699 million, supported by investor-friendly policies and a positive outlook for the industry.

On its part, the government had taken several steps to improve the infrastructural facilities for the pharma sector. Sounding caution, the survey said, "On the downside, exports are slowing down and likely to moderate along with the probable global economic slowdown".

Despite COVID resilience, IT to see muted growth this year: Survey

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Information Technology-Business Process Management (IT-BPM) industry showed resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic – even growing slightly – and recorded 15.5% growth during the financial year 2021-22, the Economic Survey showed.

Referring to a Nasscom report, the Survey said that end-user technology companies benefited from a 'rise in investment, more complex technology convergence use-cases, and the prioritisation of [an] enterprise-scale data and cloud strategy.'

New markets

"Many firms are now focussing on new markets, more prominently the Middle East and Latin America, leading to market diversification which will increase the IT-BPM sector's resilience in the coming years," as per the Survey.

Global slowdown

"Nasscom's quarterly review in August 2022 indicates that technology spending during FY23 is likely to see a relatively muted growth dampened by an expected global slowdown," as per the Survey.

"The industry undertook over 290 mergers and acquisitions in FY22, primarily focusing on digital services. India's massive digital infrastructure played a crucial role in driving technology adoption," the Survey noted.

Faster inflation led to negative real growth in rural wages: Survey

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

There has been nominal increase in rural wages but when calculated against the rate of inflation, the real rural wages have had a negative growth, the Economic Survey that was tabled in Parliament on Tuesday showed.

While the Survey gave a positive picture about the Indian economy recovering from the pandemic and its expected growth, the rural wages do not seem to follow the same trajectory. The Survey noted that there was a nominal increase in rural wages.

In agriculture, the year-on-year rate of growth of nominal wage rate was 5.1% for men and 7.5% for women, during the period April-November 2022. In non-agricultural activities, the growth of nominal wage rates was 4.7% for men and 3.7% for women.

"However, growth in real rural wages has been negative due to elevated inflation. Going forward, as inflation is expected to soften with the easing of international commodity prices and domestic food prices, it is expected that this will translate into a rise in real wages," the Survey explained.

'E-commerce, fintech surged in smaller cities post-COVID'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The e-commerce sector witnessed a renewed push and a sharp increase in penetration in the aftermath of the pandemic, according to the Economic Survey 2022-23.

The growth was also fuelled by "growing Internet penetration, rise in smartphone adoption, innovation in mobile technologies, and increased adoption of digital payments," the survey noted.

The sector is projected to grow at 18% annually, according to a Worldpay FIS report cited in the survey.

Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) fared particularly well, the survey said. Those "that adopted digital solutions fared far better than offline MSMEs, assisting them in accessing a large marketplace without incurring huge costs," according to a study by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade cited by the survey.

Citing a report by Unicommerce and Wazir Advisors, the survey noted that urban e-commerce trends were speeding up differently depending on city size.

"The shoppers from tier-II and tier-III cities accounted for over 61.3% of the overall market share in FY22, increasing from 53.8% in FY21," the report stated. The order volume from tier-II and tier-III cities grew at almost double the pace of tier-I cities, with 92.2% and 85.2% YoY growth, respectively, in FY22," the report said. "In contrast, tier-I cities indicated a comparatively slower order volume growth rate of 47.2%."

'Capex on housing, urban affairs slid 32%'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

There has been a decline in capital expenditure on housing and urban affairs by 32% on a yearly basis in the first eight months of financial year 2022-23, the Economic Survey showed.

The capex on housing and urban affairs was ₹11,000 crore in the first eight months of FY23 against ₹17,000 crore in the year-earlier period. The Budgeted estimate for the entire 2022-23 financial year is ₹27,000 crore.

Noting the halt in construction activities during the pandemic, the document showed that vaccinations had facilitated the return of migrant workers to cities to work in construction sites as the rebound in consumption spilled over into the housing market.

This is evident in the housing market witnessing a significant decline in inventory overhang to 33 months in Q3 of FY23 from 42 months last year, according to the Survey.

CLIMBING THE LADDER

Deepti moves to the second spot in the T20I bowlers' rankings

India all-rounder Deepti Sharma has climbed to second spot and has the top position — currently occupied by England's Sophie Ecclestone — in her sights in the latest ICC T20I bowling rankings announced on Tuesday. The 25-year-old off-spinner has reduced the England left-arm spinner's lead to just 26 rating points.

BACK AT IT

Mane returns to training with ball in Munich ahead of PSG clash

Bayern Munich forward Sadio Mane trained with the ball for the first time in three months on Tuesday, two weeks ahead of the club's crucial Paris Saint Germain clash. Mane injured a tendon in his leg during his side's 6-1 win over Werder Bremen in November and needed surgery that forced him to miss Senegal's World Cup campaign.

NEW ADDITION

Wrestler Babita Phogat included in the Oversight Committee

Babita Phogat has been added to the Oversight Committee formed by the Union Sports Ministry to probe various allegations, including charges of sexual misconduct, levelled by some wrestlers against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and to run WFI's day-to-day activities.

CLOSED

No ATP action against Zverev after 'insufficient evidence' of abuse

Alexander Zverev will face no disciplinary action from the ATP after an independent investigation found "insufficient evidence" to substantiate allegations of domestic abuse. He became the subject of an ATP-commissioned probe in October 2021 following allegations by his former girlfriend, Olya Sharypova.

India has a record to protect, NZ will be keen to break it

Hosts' quest to extend an unbeaten run in the last 12 bilateral T20I home series will be tested as the teams prepare to go full tilt in the series decider; the form of the top-order comprising Kishan, Gill and Tripathi is a worry for Hardik & Co.

NZ IN INDIA

Ashwin Achal
AHMEDABAD

India's proud record of staying unbeaten in the last 12 bilateral T20I home series will be tested when the side takes on New Zealand in the third and final match here on Wednesday.

With the scoreline tied at 1-1, both teams will go all out in this series decider.

The atmosphere should be electric, given that a sell-out crowd is expected to pack the massive Narendra Modi Stadium here.

Bracing up: Shaw, if he makes the playing eleven, will be keen to make an impact at the top of the order. VIJAY SONEJI

Familiar territory

For New Zealand pacer Lockie Ferguson, who turned out for Gujarat Titans in the IPL last year, this is a return to familiar territory.

"Indian crowds are unmatched. Their love for the game stands out. Even when we get a wicket off a good ball, they clap. It's the same when we hit a six or four," Ferguson said in a press conference here on Tuesday.

"For some of our young guys like Ben Lister, to come to the biggest ground in the world is a special feeling. It's very exciting," Ferguson said.

It remains to be seen if the pitch is in line with what the Indian team favours. Captain Hardik Pandya was unhappy with the surfaces used in the first two T20Is, where batters struggled to find any sort of rhythm.

Recent numbers from the stadium do not paint an encouraging picture for batters. The IPL final, held here in May last year, was a low-scoring affair. It was an all-round performance from Hardik, incidentally, which helped Gujarat Titans edge out Rajasthan Royals.

The last international match played at the venue, an ODI where India defended 265 to win by 96 runs, was no run-fest either.

The home team will be concerned about the form of the top-order – Ishan Kishan, Shubman Gill and Rahul Tripathi. Gill has been unable to replicate the tremendous touch he showed in the preceding ODIs. Kishan and Tripathi have looked unconvincing, and have wasted chances to make a mark.

If a change in the eleven is warranted, Mumbai opener Prithvi Shaw could get a look in.

The Indian team, which won the ICC Women's Under-19 Cricket World Cup in South Africa a few days ago, will be honoured here before the start of the match. Former India captain Sachin Tendulkar and BCCI office-bearers will felicitate the team members, BCCI secretary Jay Shah stated on Twitter.

The squads:

India: Hardik Pandya (Capt.), Suryakumar Yadav (Vice-capt.), Ishan Kishan, Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda, Rahul Tripathi, Jitesh Sharma, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Umran Malik, Shivam Mavi and Prithvi Shaw.

New Zealand: Mitchell Santner (Capt.), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Dane Cleaver, Devon Conway, Jacob Duffy, Lockie Ferguson, Ben Lister, Daryl Mitchell, Glenn Phillips, Michael Rippon, Henry Shipley, Ish Sodhi and Blair Tickner.

Match starts at 7 p.m.

The wicket does not matter a lot, says Suryakumar

Suryakumar and Dravid... discussing tactics. VIJAY SONEJI

Ashwin Achal
AHMEDABAD

India vice-captain Suryakumar Yadav makes his return to the venue where he made his international debut in a T20I against England nearly a couple of years ago.

"When I came to the dressing room, I told our team manager that I've returned to where it all began. I have great memories here," Suryakumar said in a press conference ahead of the third T20I against New Zealand here. "This is a beautiful stadium, with an amazing crowd. It will be an exciting game tomorrow," Suryakumar said.

Suryakumar did not find any fault in the spin-friendly pitches used in the first two T20Is. This was in contrast to captain Hardik Pandya describing the Lucknow surface as a "shocker".

"Red soil, black soil – it doesn't matter what soil you play on. This is not in your control. We did what we could and adapted to the situation in the last match. It was low-scoring, but it was an exciting game. Any game, be it T20 or 50-over, if there is competition between the teams, it will be exciting. The wicket does not matter a lot. We must accept the challenge and move on," Suryakumar, who made a match-winning unbeaten 31-ball 26 at Lucknow, said.

The Mumbai batter has been named in the squad for the first two Tests against Australia. "Obviously everyone wants to play Test cricket. When you start your domestic career, you start with red-ball cricket. It will be exciting. But at the same time, I'm focused on tomorrow's game," he said.

Lucknow curator sacked; Agarwal takes over

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The curator of the Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow has been removed from his job after preparing a "shocker of a pitch" for the second T20I against New Zealand.

Though India won the game on Sunday with a ball to spare, skipper Hardik Pandya did not mince words, terming the Lucknow wicket a "shocker".

New Zealand was restricted to 99 for eight and India had a hard time chasing down the small target on a turning track.

"The curator has been removed and replaced by Sanjeev Kumar Agarwal who is a very experienced curator. We will turn things around in a month.

"A lot of domestic cricket was already played on all the centre wickets ahead of the T20I and the curator should have left one or two strips for an international game. The surface was overused and due to the bad weather, there was not enough (time) to prepare a fresh wicket," a UPCA source told PTI.

Agarwal, who has prepared pitches in Bangladesh in the past before being removed in October last year, has been tasked to set things right.

Australia cricket team camp in Bengaluru

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The Australian men's cricket team is set to have a four-day preparatory camp starting Thursday at the Alur grounds on the outskirts of Bengaluru, a KSCA official confirmed. Australia will play the first Test of the four-match series in Nagpur from Feb. 9.

Rahane set for county stint with Leicestershire

Press Trust of India
LEICESTERSHIRE

India batter Ajinkya Rahane is returning to county cricket for a stint with Leicestershire.

The 34-year-old, who last played a Test in January last year, is set to join Leicestershire after the IPL and will be available for eight County matches, as well as the entire One Day Cup, the club announced on Tuesday.

Sportstar Aces: nominees for Popular Choice honours

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The *Sportstar Aces* Awards seek to honour incredible performances by Indians across sporting disciplines. Among the six Popular Choice honours open to public voting in the fifth chapter is the coveted Sportstar of the Year (Male). The nominees list is packed with achievers from across the spectrum of sport: Sharath Kamal (table tennis), Neeraj Chopra (athletics), Suryakumar Yadav (cricket), Lakshya Sen (badminton) and D. Gukesh (chess).

What the nominees did in 2022:

Sharath Kamal: Won four medals (three gold, one silver) at CWG 2022, clinching a medal in every category he participated in. Claimed a record-extending 10th National singles title. First Indian to get elected to the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation. Awarded the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna.

Neeraj Chopra: Bagged India's first-ever silver medal at the World Athletics Championships (Oregon, USA). First Indian to win a Diamond League final (Zurich) and also finished on top at the Lausanne leg. Broke his own National record with an effort of 89.94m at the Stockholm meet. Finished the season as World No. 2.

Lakshya Sen: Triumphed at India Open Super 500. A member of the Thomas Cup-winning Indian team. Clinched the Commonwealth Games men's singles gold. Finished runner-up at the All England Open.

D. Gukesh: Sixth Indian to break the 2700 Elo rating. Youngest Indian Grandmaster to be rated above 2700, and third youngest in the world. Won gold on the first board at the 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai. Broke into the world's top-20. Became the youngest to beat Magnus Carlsen since the latter became World champion.

Suryakumar Yadav: Finished the year as the No. 1 T20I batter in the world. Scored the most runs in T20Is (1,164, 31 innings, two 100s, nine 50s).

The 'crazy' secret that worked wonders for hero Danneberg

Aashin Prasad
CHENNAI

Moments after the Germans lifted the World Cup, goalkeeper Jean-Paul Danneberg, the hero of the penalty shootout, was still buzzing. The enormity of the achievement was yet to sink in.

Danneberg had stepped up to the plate for the second time in the tournament, the previous one during the quarterfinal against England when he effected two saves.

And on the biggest night of them all, his three stops gave Germany a third World Cup crown.

Coach Andre Henning, teammate Christopher Ruhr and captain Mats Grambusch all used the word 'crazy' while describing the 20-year-old Danneberg. He, too, had no hesitation in agreeing with them.

The wall: Danneberg proved a big hurdle in shootouts as the Belgians found out during the final. K.R. DEEPAK

Amazing people

"Yeah, sure, of course! Goalkeepers are amazing people, goalkeepers are crazy," he said, breaking into a smile.

Danneberg has a 'crazy' secret – even Henning isn't aware of it – involving his bottle and an apple pie recipe that works wonders during penalties.

"On my bottle, I write Plan A or Plan B or... I write the recipe for an apple cake.

"Nobody knows what is on my bottle when I am looking at it. The strikers are thinking about this [wondering what I am going to do] and I am one up on them," he said, pointing the index finger to his head.

From warming the bench for a major part of the tournament to guarding the citadel in crunch situations with around 15,000 fans raising the decibel level, Danneberg felt that he had it in him to be a specialist shot-stopper in shootouts.

"It's difficult. You cannot learn this, it's something you are born with. I am the lucky one. It feels crazy," he said.

The gear attraction

Danneberg was drawn towards goalkeeping as a kid because he thought that the gear looked like a 'robot' or a 'machine', telling himself that it was 'the coolest thing' he saw. He also developed his skills playing indoor hockey.

He was also a specialist shootout 'keeper in the 2021 under-21 World Cup in Bhubaneswar and had shown his prowess, pulling off three saves in the win over Spain on penalties in the quarterfinal.

Unfortunately for Danneberg and Germany, the team lost in the final. Two years later, he flew home a World champion.

INBRIEF

Bayern signs loan deal with Man City for Cancelo

Bayern Munich has signed Portugal wing-back Joao Cancelo on loan until the end of the season from Manchester City, the German club confirmed on Tuesday.

Ishaan-Sai duo advances in Thailand Open

The young men's doubles pair of Ishaan Bhatnagar and Sai Pratheek progressed to the second round with a 21-18, 21-12 win over USA's Vinson Chiu and Joshua Yuan at the Thailand Open Super 300 badminton in Bangkok on Tuesday.

Other doubles results: Men: Lee Jhe-Huei & Yang Po-Hsuan (Tpe) bt P.S. Ravikrishna and Sankar Prasad Udayakumar 16-21, 21-18, 21-10.
Women: Rena Miyaura & Ayako Sakuramoto (Jpn) bt Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand 21-19, 21-10; Tan Ning & Xia Yu Ting (Chn) bt Tanisha Crasto & Ashwini Ponnappa 21-15, 21-18.

India to host Club Volleyball World C'ship for two years

The Volleyball World and the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) have announced India as the host for the men's Club World Championship for two years. The champions of the RuPay Prime Volleyball league will compete in the Club World Championship in 2023 and 2024. The Club World Championship is scheduled from December 6 to 10 this year, and the host city would be announced later in the season. The league will be staged in Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Kochi, featuring 31 games in all. Sony Sports Network will telecast the matches.

Karnataka women make the knockouts

Karnataka women qualified for the knockouts of the BCCI Senior One Day Trophy despite a 107-run defeat against Delhi. In the quarterfinal, Karnataka will take on Madhya Pradesh.

The scores: Delhi 256/4 in 50 overs (Priya Punia 105, Pratika 54, Laxmi Yadav 27, C. Prathyusha 3/50) bt Karnataka 149 in 38.2 overs (Vrinda Dinesh 42, Parunika Sisodia 3/20, Priya Mishra 4/53).

LIVE TELECAST

KIYG 2023: Star Sports 3, DD Sports & Hotstar, 9 a.m. onwards
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
South Africa vs England: 3rd ODI, FanCode & Hotstar, 4.30 p.m.
India vs New Zealand: 3rd T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 7 p.m.

Debutant pacer Venkatesh's maiden five-for blows Uttarakhand away for a mere 116

Karnataka skipper Mayank and fellow-opener Samarth stitch together an unbeaten century partnership to put the home side in control

RANJI TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Speedster M. Venkatesh capped his First Class debut with a fine five-wicket haul (14-3-36-5) as Karnataka established a stranglehold on Uttarakhand on day one of the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Tuesday.

Venkatesh found a place in the eleven only because V. Koushik was diagnosed with a back spasm on the morning of the match.

But the pacer from Mysuru, who hails from a family with deep interest in Carnatic classical music and also dabbled in it when young, buzzed around all innings to help dismiss Uttarakhand for a paltry 116.

By stumps, Karnataka openers R. Samarth (54 batting, 74b, 7x4) and Mayank Agarwal (65 batting, 86b, 9x4, 1x6) had wiped out Uttarakhand's total and secured a seven-run lead.

Taking wing: Venkatesh celebrates the dismissal of Chandela that completed the speedster's five-wicket haul. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Mayank looked a tad shaky at the beginning. But once he got his eye in, there were delightful shots on display, especially in the arc between mid-on and cover.

Samarth, from the other end, matched his captain, with the prospect of Uttarakhand being buried under a mountain of runs on day two very real.

Early strike

After electing to field, Karnataka drew first blood when Uttarakhand skipper Jiwanjot Singh was caught at third slip off Vidwath Kaverappa. Avneesh Sudha and Kunal Chandela tried steadying the ship but Venkatesh struck just three balls after being introduced, forcing Sudha to slash to deep-point.

By lunch, the visitors had lost half the side for 67 runs, with the seasoned Aditya Tare too falling, cleaned up by Kaverappa with an in-swinger.

But the sixth wicket pair of Kunal Chandela (31, 103b) and Akhil Rawat (14, 71b) resisted for nearly 20 overs, before Venkatesh provided the breakthrough again, dismissing the duo and Abhay Negi in a span of seven balls.

In elite company

Chandela was Venkatesh's fifth scalp, out caught by Manish Pandey at first slip, as the 22-year-old joined the likes of Abhimanyu Mithun, H.S. Sharath, Prasidh Krishna and J. Suchith in the list of recent Karnataka bowlers to have taken a five-for on First Class debut.

The scores: Uttarakhand — 1st innings: Avneesh Sudha c Nikin b Venkatesh 17, Jiwanjot Singh c Padikkal b Kaverappa 1, Kunal Chandela c Manish b Venkatesh 31, Dikshanshu Negi c Sharath b Venkatesh 9, Swapnil Singh c Samarth b Vyshak 0, Aditya Tare b Kaverappa 14, Akhil Rawat c Sharath b Venkatesh 14, Abhay Negi b Venkatesh 1, Mayank Mishra c Vyshak b Gowtham 7, Deepak Dhapola c & b Gowtham 5, Nikhil Kohli (not out) 0; Extras (b-5, lb-11, nb-1): 17; Total (in 55.4 overs): 116.

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-31, 3-46, 4-47, 5-64, 6-99, 7-101, 8-102, 9-115.

Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 13-6-17-2, Vyshak 16-5-25-1, Venkatesh 14-3-36-5, Gowtham 12.4-3-22-2.

Karnataka — 1st innings: R. Samarth (batting) 54, Mayank Agarwal (batting) 65; Extras (nb-4): 4; Total (for no loss in 26 overs): 123.

Uttarakhand bowling: Dhapola 9-2-32-0, Abhay Negi 6-0-35-0, Kohli 4-0-27-0, Swapnil 3-0-19-0, Mayank Mishra 4-1-10-0.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES (QUARTERFINALS, DAY ONE)

At Kolkata: Jharkhand 173 in 66.2 overs (Kumar Suraj 89 n.o., Akash Deep 4/62) vs. Bengal. **Toss: Bengal.**
At Mohali: Saurashtra 303 in 87 overs (Snell Patel 70, Parth Bhut 111 n.o., Mayank Markande 4/84) vs. Punjab 3/0 in 1 over. **Toss: Saurashtra.**
At Bengaluru: Uttarakhand 116 in 55.4 overs (M. Venkatesh 5/36) vs. Karnataka 123 for no loss in 26 overs (Ravikumar Samarth 54 batting, Mayank Agarwal 65 batting). **Toss: Karnataka.**
At Vizianagaram: Andhra 262/2 in 88 overs (Ricky Bhui 115 batting, Karan Shinde 83 batting) vs. Madhya Pradesh. **Toss: MP.**

Another beginning, as women's cricket moves forward in style

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

The strength of a nation's junior team is often an indication of the robustness of the senior team as well, and a sign that the future is bright. India's Under-19 teams – both men and women – are currently World Cup winners; there is something gratifying about following champions from promise to fulfilment.

Sport can be a compressed version of life – hopes, disappointments, joys, sorrows, frustrations, injustices, dreams, fulfilment can be experienced over a very short period. And when talent and performance are duly rewarded, there is an inevitability that is heart-warming.

In the Women's Under-19 team, which won the World Cup in South Africa after bowling England out for 68 runs in the final, there were many signposts to the future.

Brilliant efforts

Opener Shweta Sehrawat and medium pacer Titas Sadhu were consistent. The fielding in the final touched great heights with Archana Devi's catch in the covers and Soumya Tiwari's direct hit to run out Josie Groves simply brilliant.

Women's cricket has been on the upswing in India for a while now, due as much to the range of talented players available as to the progressive policies of the Board of Control for Cricket in India. Women now earn the same amount as men for international matches.

That Indian girls who first take to the game can now dream of careers in sport, their future assured, is a huge step. But the BCCI will have to make another step or two before satisfaction is complete. Domestic cricket - the nursery for internationals - must be made attractive.

Talent exists. But better pay for domestic tournaments (men's domestic cricket pays four or five times as much as women's) will not only attract more to the sport, it will also help in overcoming societal stigma that continues to be attached to sportswomen in India. All societies respect money.

The central contracts, introduced in 2015 sees ₹50 lakh for the top women cricketers (as compared to ₹7 crore for the men). At the very least, the women deserve a substantial rise in their annual salaries.

Packed schedule

Recently, India were crowned Asia Cup champions for the seventh time, won a series in England (a 3-0 whitewash), won silver at the Commonwealth Games. In the three-year cycle till 2025, they play 65 internationals. It may be fewer than the men's in the Future Tours Programme (141 matches over a four-year period till 2027), but with the Women's IPL in March, two elements crucial to the success of sport – administration and money – are coming together. The third, public support has been building up steadily.

Bonanza

The women's IPL media rights were sold for ₹951 crore while the team auctions fetched the BCCI ₹4670 crore.

These are stunning figures for a sport where the pioneers had to pay their way for travel and food even. But without those pioneers, the Shantha Rangaswamys and Diana Eduljees and Shubhangi Kulkarnis this day would not have dawned.

If one tournament and one innings could be seen as the take-off point, that would have to be the World Cup in 2017 and Harmanpreet Kaur's 171 against Australia in Derby (115 balls, 20 fours, seven sixes). Her first six changed the tenor of the match.

Setting the course

In the *Fire Burns Blue*, the authors put it simply and powerfully, "never would (a stroke) set the course of a sport so drastically as this one, as an indifferent India finally awoke to the possibilities of women's cricket."

Millions watched that innings on television, millions expressed surprise and joy on social media; there was the element of a new discovery in astronomy in the tone of respect and awe.

Women's cricket had existed for at least half a century in India since the formation of the first clubs; India had produced world class players from Shantha to Mithali Raj, won matches and series before. But that Harmanpreet innings captured a nation's imagination. Over 45,000 spectators turned up for a match against Australia in Mumbai in December last. As Harmanpreet said, "Life has totally changed."

The Under-19 win in South Africa under Shafali Verma, already a star in the senior team, is a part of the continuum, from the days of desperation and misery for women cricketers who had the passion but not the support to the days of superstars like Harmanpreet and Smriti Mandhana, who has nearly a million followers on Twitter.

Just the beginning

"This is just the beginning," Shafali Verma said after winning the Under-19 World Cup. Classical narratives can have many beginnings.

BENGALURU ROUND UP

Stafford Cup gets a new lease of life, to begin on Feb. 23

The Karnataka State Football Association, on Tuesday, announced the revival of the Stafford Challenge Cup after a gap of 30 years.

With the All India Football Federation's new management keen on reviving heritage tournaments, Stafford Cup, which was first held in 1938 and was one of India's most famous competitions, will get a new lease of life.

The 16-team invitational event will be held at the Bangalore Football Stadium from February 23. The winner will receive a cash prize of ₹2.5 lakh, runner-up ₹1.5 lakh and the two semifinalists ₹50,000 each.

The original trophy, a silver cup presented by Staffordshire Regiment, was lost in 1984 when a club from Iraq won the title and took it back home where it is believed to have been destroyed in the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq.

Participating teams:
Group A: FC Bengaluru United, MEG & Centre FC, Dempo SC, International FC Punjab.
Group B: Roots FC, HAL Sports Club, Gokulam Kerala FC, PIFA Sports FC.
Group C: Bengaluru FC B, Kenkre FC, Sreenidhi Deccan FC, Delhi FC.
Group D: Kickstart FC, Chennaiyin FC B, ARA FC, Kerala United FC.

Lucas Pouille one of the key attractions at Bengaluru Open

Former World No. 10 Lucas Pouille is set to be among the key attractions at the fifth edition of the ATP Bengaluru Open Challenger, scheduled to be held from February 20 to 26.

Frenchman Pouille has won five ATP Tour titles and was a semifinalist at the 2019 Australian Open, his best result at a Major. He also clinched the Davis Cup for France in 2017 by winning the decisive fifth rubber against Belgium's Steve Darcis.

Pouille, who registered the biggest win of his career at the 2016 US Open over Rafael Nadal in the fourth round, has been plagued by injuries over the last few seasons and is currently ranked 334.

Anish Giri wins Tata Steel title

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Anish Giri clinched his maiden Tata Steel Masters chess title after cashing in on a blunder by Richard Rapport while it was heartbreak for overnight leader Nodirbek Abdusattorov in the 12th and final round at Wijk aan Zee on Sunday.

Among Indians, R. Praggnanandhaa finished tied ninth, D. Gukesh was joint 11th and Arjun Erigaisi brought up the rear in the 14-man event.

The results: 13th round: Masters: R. Praggnanandhaa (6) drew with Wesley So (USA, 7.5); Vincent Keymer (Ger, 5) drew with D. Gukesh (5.5); Arjun Erigaisi (4) lost to Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 8); Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 8) lost to Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 6); Anish Giri (Ned, 8.5) bt Richard Rapport (Rom, 6.5); Levon Aronian (USA, 6.5) lost to Parham Maghsoodloo (Iri, 7); Ding Liren (Chn, 5.5) drew with Fabiano Caruana (USA 7).

Final standings: 1. Giri, 2-3. Abdusattorov, Carlsen, 4. So, 5-6. Caruana, Maghsoodloo, 7-8. Aronian, Rapport, 9-10. Praggnanandhaa, Foreest, 11-12. Ding, Gukesh, 13. Keymer, 14. Arjun.

Challengers: B. Adhiban (7) lost to Max Warmerdam (Ned, 7); R. Vaishali (4.5) lost to Amin Tabatabaei (Iri, 7.5); Alexander Donchenko (Ger, 10) bt Ivic Velimir (Srb, 8); Eline Roebers (Ned, 3) lost to Mustafa Yilmaz (Tur, 9); Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb, 8.5) bt Thomas Beerdsen (Ned, 6); Jergus Pechac (Svk, 3) lost to Erwin L'Ami (Ned, 6.5); Luis Supi (Bra, 7) bt Abhimanyu Mishra (USA, 5).

Final standings: 1. Donchenko, 2. Mustafa, 3. Sindarov; 5-8. Warmerdam, Adhiban, Supi, Velimir; 12. Vaishali.

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA: HYDERABAD
NOTIFICATION No. 123/2023-RC, DATED: 01.02.2023

Applications are invited through ONLINE for General Recruitment to 10 posts of Civil judge in the Telangana State Judicial Service, comprising of 08 vacancies to be filled under Direct Recruitment, and 02 vacancies to be filled under Recruitment by Transfer. The detailed notification is placed in the official website of the High Court http://tshc.gov.in.

Important Dates
1.Starting Date for submission of online Application: 01.02.2023
2.Closing Date for Submission of online Application: 01.03.2023
3.Date and Time for conducting Screening Test (computer based Test): 23.04.2023 (Sunday). Time will be mentioned in the Hall ticket.
4. Download of Hall Tickets: 01.04.2023 on wards.
Note: The Hand written/Typed/Photostat copy/Printed Application Form will not be entertained either directly or by Post or Courier or in person.

DIPR R.O. No. : 1288-DP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23A, Date: 30-01-2023 **Sd/- REGISTRAR (RECRUITMENT)**

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NOTICE

BOOKING OF "90th Interpol General Assembly 2022" Commemorative Coin Set

India Government Mint, Mumbai (A unit of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd.) is pleased to notify booking of commemorative coin sets in Proof and Uncirculated varieties of following themes.

Theme	Proof (Rs.)	UNC (Rs.)
90th Interpol General Assembly 2022 (Denomination of `100) – Folder Packing	3565.00	3050.00
90th Interpol General Assembly 2022 (Denomination of `100) – Wooden Packing	4000.00	3715.00

The booking period will be from 01.02.2023 to 15.03.2023. The coin sets can be booked online on our website igmmumbai.spmcil.com. Alternately, the coin sets can be ordered offline by submitting an order form available on our website or by giving details on plain paper viz. Name and full address in capital letters, details of coin sets required along with the prescribed price as stated above.

The payment for offline booking is to be made by Demand Draft only drawn on any scheduled bank in favour of **'INDIA GOVERNMENT MINT (UNIT OF SPMCIL) COLLECTION A/C'** payable at Mumbai. The coins will be delivered through India Post within Two (2) months from the date of closure of booking and no cancellation is allowed once order. Grievances of non-receipt of coin should be brought to the notice of concern department within ninety days from the date of order. The Mint will not be responsible for the delay or loss of the coin sets dispatched by post and the claim for substitute coin sets will not be undertaken unless and until the postal authorities refund the insured amount.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

The Executive Engineer, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project, Division No.07, Hiriyur Camp:Chitradurga, Karnataka. Inviteslumpsum / Turnkeytenders on behalf of Managing Director, VJNL, Bengaluru, from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. "Two Cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. The Tenderers are required to submit two separate sealed covers, one containing the Earnest money deposit and the details of their capability to undertake the tender (as detailed in ITT Clause 3 and 6), which will be opened first and the second cover containing the price tender will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract". Statement showing the details of work invited for tender

Work: 1) INDENT NO: VJNL/2022-23/IW/WORK INDENT2642. Amount put to tender: Rs. 315.99 Crores. 2) VJNL/2022-23/IW/WORK INDENT2644. Amount put to tender: Rs. 463.11 Crores. 3) VJNL/2022-23/IW/WORK_INDENT2643. Amount put to tender: Rs. 473.57 Crores.

Calender of Events: 1) The contractor can access to the e-tender document, i,e. the tender schedules, bid documents and other documents, in the web site http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of transaction fee (non- refundable) from: 25.01.2023 Onwards. 2) LAST DATE & TIME FOR QUERRIES/ CLARIFICATIONS: 30.01.2023 Upto 04:30 PM. 3) Pre Bid Meeting will be held at the Office of Managing Director, VJNL, Embassy Square, infantry Road Bangalore-560001: 31.01.2023 PM at 03:00. 4) The Last date for submission of completed tender documents through e-portal: 06.02.2023 at 05:00 PM. 5) Date and Time of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-1) by Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division NO-07, Hiriyuru, Camp;Chitradurga: 08.02.2023 at 11:00 AM. 6) Financial Bid will be opened after the approval of technical bid: 10.02.2023 at 05:00 PM.

Note: Rates quoted shall be exclusive of GST.

RO No. 924: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**